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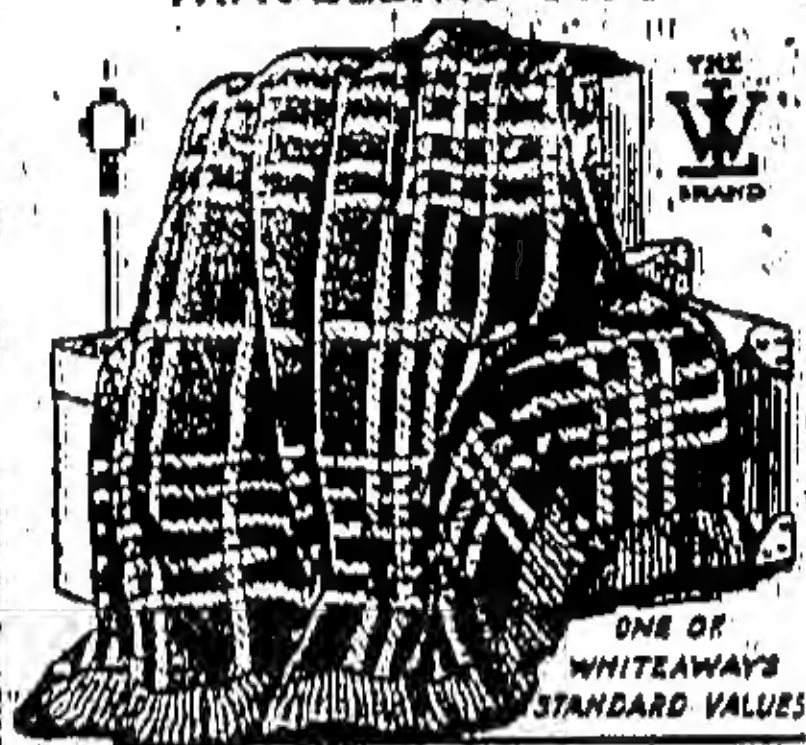
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Ray of Hope in Conversations.

In a communique the British Foreign Office says that sensational announcements regarding our naval and military dispositions in China are to be deprecated and disregarded. The Government's sole object is the protection of British subjects.

A ray of hope is seen in the conversations progressing in Hankow and Peking, which, it is hoped, will lead to a friendly settlement.

A private wire to Peking reports that the situation in Hankow has developed seriously, but there is so far no official confirmation.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Rugby, Jan. 21.

The Foreign Office to-night issued the following statement:—

"The Naval and military dispositions which have been made in connection with the Chinese situation are precautionary. Sensational announcements regarding them are to be deprecated and disregarded. Their sole object is to enable His Majesty's Government to fulfil the elementary duty of protecting lives of British subjects whose safety is in their charge if such protection is proved necessary. Undertakings to that effect were given during the last session of Parliament by the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary. There has been no modification whatsoever of the conciliatory attitude toward the legitimate aspirations of Chinese Nationalism so clearly laid down in the Memorandum upon Chinese policy issued by His Majesty's Government last month. On the contrary conversations are in progress at Hankow and Peking which, if successful, will go far toward implementing the concessions which His Majesty's Government is willing to make with the object of placing British relations with China upon an equitable and, it is hoped, mutually profitable basis. His Majesty's Government trusts that these conversations will lead to a friendly settlement of all questions in dispute."

A further Cabinet meeting was held to-day at which, it is understood, the Chinese situation was again under consideration.—British Wireless Service.

MR. CHURCHILL.

Returning to London at Once.
London, Jan. 21.

Mr. Winston Churchill is returning to London as soon as possible in order to participate in the Ministerial consultations to be held next week in connection with the situation in China.

Mr. Churchill intended to visit Egypt, but it is understood that his visit has been abandoned.—Reuter.

POLICY SUMMED UP.

Warning to the Cantonese.

London, Jan. 21.

Congratulating the Government on its policy in China as outlined in the British Memorandum of December 18, the "Spectator" says that it is certain that the Government intends to continue along the present lines, but it points out that the problem of Shanghai is very different from Hankow.

The "Spectator" sums up the present policy as:—

Firstly—To avoid any conflict with the various armies engaged in the Chinese civil war.

Secondly—To rely tentatively on Shanghai's ability to look after its own safety from mob violence.

Thirdly—To have enough ships handy with landing parties if the peril of Shanghai becomes worse than seems likely.

Meantime there are no doubts that further efforts are being made to convince the Cantonese Government of the simple truth that Great Britain is anxious to go very far along the road of conciliation, but she cannot give what she is ready to give if she encounters violence, unreason, and intrigue.

A Mistake.

The "Saturday Review" also refers to the British Memorandum expressing the opinion that one mistake whereabout was that its issue was too long delayed and that this can only be remedied by unwavering fidelity to the policy of moderation.—Reuter.

AMERICAN MOVE.

Why Minister Was Ordered Back.

Washington, Jan. 21.

The growing seriousness of anti-foreign demonstrations and rioting in China are the reason given for ordering Mr. MacMurray, the U.S. Minister, to return to Peking.—Reuter.

POSITION IN HANKOW.

Serious Development Reported.

Peking, Jan. 22.

A private wire from Hankow says that the situation has developed seriously and that 1,000 British and American men are being evacuated.

Up to the present there is no official confirmation.—Reuter.

MEETING IN SHANGHAI.

Plea for Propaganda at Home.

Shanghai, Jan. 22.

A largely attended meeting of British subjects was held this evening which fully supported the plea of Mr. Bruce Lockhart for propaganda in Britain with reference to the situation in China.

Those present were asked to take steps to inform the people at home of "the real state of affairs in China," the suggestion being that leading Shanghai residents should draw up a considered statement which should be sent to the Press, Parliamentarians, and others.

During the course of the proceedings a missionary stated that there were many missionaries who did not agree with the National Christian Council.—Reuter.

EARLIER NEWS.

Chang Tso-lin to Fight Bolshevism.

London, Jan. 21.

Chang Tso-lin has called to the "Daily News": "I will fight Bolshevism to the end and I am willing to make all kinds of sacrifices." It is reported that his co-operation with the Cantonese is absolutely groundless.

First Photos.

London, Jan. 21.

The first photographs received from Hankow since the outbreak of the troubles appeared in a London evening paper after an adventurous journey. The pictures were rushed by a Chinese coolie to the quayside, then by a fast steamer to the western coast of the United States, carried across the States by successive "leaps" by air, then shipped to New York in the captain's special care. The steamer arrived at Plymouth at dawn. The pictures were rushed ashore aboard a fast motor-boat, then by car to a field, from whence they were flown at a speed of 110 miles an hour to Crofton; after which a motor-car took the pictures to Fleet Street.—Reuter.

Lloyd George Explains.

London, Jan. 21.

Mr. Lloyd George, in his address at the 1926 Club and

PEACE POLICY.

MENACED BY GERMAN MOVE.

FRENCH FOREBODINGS.

Berlin, Jan. 21.

The Centrists have authorized Herr Marx to negotiate to form a non-Socialist Cabinet including German Nationals.

A Paris report says that President von Hindenburg's sharp turn of the helm to the right has filled the French Press with uneasy forebodings. The "Temps" says that the advent of a Rightist Government will really endanger the peace policy of Locarno and Geneva. The "Journal des Debats" writes that Hindenburg's action places the question of German disarmament, which is now before the conference of Ambassadors, on a new plane and the conference must decide accordingly.—Reuter.

ed, *inter alia*, to his much-criticised speech at Bradford regarding China and said that the Government had adopted a policy for which Bright and Cobden had been hounded out of the House of Commons 70 years ago, namely, whilst doing their utmost to protect British lives and property to extend to China full recognition of national rights and make justice instead of force the basis of our trading arrangements there. He hoped that Liberals would give the Foreign Secretary their utmost help against attacks of evil counselors. He added: "When I said something about China two months ago, it was treason, but now it is the Government's policy. Then I simply urged, in specific terms, that the Washington proposals should be put into operation. I did not

\$50 PRIZE.

"China Mail's" Cross-Word Puzzles.

Competitors in the "China Mail's" Cross-Word Puzzle Competition are reminded that all entries must reach this office not later than noon on Monday, Jan. 24.

Competitors are also reminded that the prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution.

Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

know then that the Government was preparing a Memorandum advocating that course: neither did the Tory journals."—Reuter.

Appeal for Unity.

Rugby, Jan. 21.

Mr. Lloyd George last night said it was the business of Liberalism to sink all partisanship and to support the Foreign Secretary in the pursuit of his policy, which was Liberal—British Wireless Service.

Tampering With Cables.

London, Jan. 21.

The "Daily Telegraph" learns that Mr. Chen's telegraphic subordinates at Hankow have extended their irregularities from Press messages to Diplomatic, and says that there have been obvious attempts to tamper with the communications between Sir Miles Lampson and Mr. O'Malley; also, it is believed between Hankow, Shanghai and London the British Government's fresh instructions had taken an undue time to reach Mr. O'Malley; and lest they should not have reached him in their original form, recourse has been had to safer though more circuitous routes.—Reuter.

The Foochow Outrage.

Madrid, Jan. 21.

The news of the decision to send a cruiser to Shanghai is contained in a communique, which states that the Government has carefully examined the situation in China and the position of Spanish subjects there. Official information has been received confirming the pillaging of the Spanish Orphanage and churches at Foochow, the assassination of over 20 children at the Orphanage and the looting of the private residences of the Spanish Bishop.

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UNION FUNDS.

TEST ACTION IN CHANCERY COURT.

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

Rugby, Jan. 21.

A test action of considerable importance to Trades Unionism was decided in the Chancery Court to-day by Mr. Justice Eve.

Mr. Forster brought an action against the Ship Assistants' Union, of which he is a member, to restrain it from applying the general funds of the Union to further political objects and, in particular, from paying contributions to the Trades Union Congress so long as that body expended its funds in furtherance of political objects.

Counsel for the plaintiff stated that the Registrar of Friendly Societies had been asked to give his decision on the issue, and the Registrar had given judgment that the objects which were complained of as being political were not political within the meaning of the Trades Union Law.

Plaintiff denied the plea of the defendant Union that the decision of the Registrar, having been sought and obtained in accordance with Trades Union law, the matter was res judicata.

Mr. Justice Eve found for defendant. He held that the legislature contemplated that a matter of this kind should be determined by the Registrar of Friendly Societies. It did not contemplate that a member of a Trades Union, having failed to convince the Registrar, could resort to the Courts. The Legislature as a rule discouraged interference by the Court in the domestic administration of corporations and similar bodies. It also recognised that a dividing line between social and political matters would be very indistinct. A distinction must be decided by the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

The result of the case was loudly cheered by the conference of Trades Union Executives who were dealing with the action of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress in regard to the general strike.—British Wireless Service.

STRIKE ECHO.

APPROVAL OF T.U.C. ACTION.

London, Jan. 21.

At the Trade Union Conference, on a card vote 2,840,000 against 1,095,000 endorsed the action of the General Council and approved its report.—Reuter.

Miners' Amendment.

Rugby, Jan. 21.

By a large majority the conference of the Executives of Unions affiliated to the Trades Union Congress carried a resolution supporting the action of the General Council of the Congress in calling off the general strike of last May.

The Miners' Federation had moved an amendment that the reports made by the General Council, justifying its action and the statement made by the Miners' Federation censuring the General Council should be submitted to the vote of members of the Unions. This amendment was ruled out of order by the standing Orders Committee on the ground that the conference of the "Trades Union" Executives had given the Council a mandate for a general strike and such conference should decide the endorsement or otherwise of the action taken by the Council in calling off the strike.

Mr. J. R. Clynes, former Labour Minister, closed the proceedings with a conciliating speech in which he pleaded for the sinking of all differences—British Wireless Service.

WEATHER FORECAST.

"North-east winds strong; overcast; is the weather forecast till noon to-morrow for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast, and Formosa Channel."

SALT REVENUE.

SERIOUS DECREASE LAST YEAR.

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION.

Peking, Jan. 22.

The total Salt Revenue credited in the group Banks, after deducting administrative expenses, amounted to \$34,287,000 showing a decrease of \$9,347,000 compared with 1925 and also a serious decrease compared with former years since 1915.

An official statement says that the decrease is due to the disorganisation of the railways, the commandeering of other means of transport for military operations, and military interference with the Salt Administration in a majority of the provinces.

Of the above sum \$37,389,000 represents forcible retentions made by local authorities without the consent of the Central Government and \$10,283,000 retentions with the consent of the Central Government.

The amount of revenue retained does not include revenue retained by the Kwangtung and Kansu authorities. The former not only prevented the re-opening of the Canton and Swatow offices, but caused a closure at Pakhoi.

At the end of the year the whole revenue was being retained by local authorities except part from Shansi, Changlu and Shantung.

The actual amount released for the general purposes of the Chinese Government amounted to \$8,368,000 compared with \$2,885,000 in 1925.

The sum of \$9,072,000 was paid to the account of foreign obligations secured by salt. The yearly service of the Reorganisation Loan of 1913 was paid by the Salt Administration and subsequently refunded by the Customs.

Owing to the prevailing conditions the reserve at the group Banks could not be maintained at the usual \$7,000,000, but at the end of the year amounted to \$4,850,000.—Reuter.

NEW YEAR CRIME.

POLICE EXERCISE SPECIAL VIGILANCE.

FLYING SQUAD OUT.

To cope with possible crime toward the end of the Chinese year, special vigilance is being maintained by the Police.

Detectives of the Criminal Investigation Department are out on patrols and the Flying Squad (of volunteer motor-cyclists) is performing street search duty by night.

Shortly after ten o'clock last night, a young Chinese dressed in European clothes reported at the Central Station that he had been slapped on the face by one of a posse of the Flying Squad in Wellington Street. On the return of the Volunteers from duty, an identification parade was held and investigations are proceeding.

Likings for Hong Kong. Banishments and deportees are returning to the Colony—before expiry—in abnormal numbers, with the result that the Police are asking for exemplary sentences, including the birch.

A Chinese who was deported for ten years was arrested yesterday. He was the thirteenth to come back since January 1 and Mr. R. E. Lindsell imposed sentence of six months' hard labour with 10 strokes of the birch (or a further three months if medically unfit).

Two Robberies in Same Place.

Following a report that a highway robbery had been committed on Thursday on the Tsun Wan Road (which leads out of Greater Kowloon), a cigarette hawkler informed the Police yesterday that he had also been attacked.

After disposing of his wares he was walking back to Pak Hung from Tsun Wan when three men belaboured him with wooden poles and then tied him to a pine tree. The victim lost \$48 in money and property.

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24	7.05	6.06
25	7.05	6.06
26	7.04	6.07
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E. V. JESSEN,
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Hong Kong Station, Jan. 20, 1927.

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Leverett, from Shanghai.
Madge Newell, Repulse Bay Hotel, from Tadjongbalei.
Myers, Care Statesbank, from New York.

E. A. LEGGANS,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 20th January, 1927.

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send particulars thereof to the
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24th of January 1927.

Hong Kong, 14th January, 1927.

**QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS'
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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MEETING of the Association will
take place on THURSDAY, the
27th of January, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.
in the Hall of Queen's College.

By Order of the General Committee
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary

Hong Kong, 20th January, 1927.

**THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
CLUB.**

ANNUAL RACE MEETING.

THE DATE for the closing of
entries has been POSTPONED
until WEDNESDAY, 26th January,
1927, at 5 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th Jan., 1927.

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Races close on WEDNESDAY,
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Griffins of this Meeting allowed 5
lbs. Weight for inches as per
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Mile. Entries for this race should
be attached to the Entry Forms
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C. B. BROWN,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in this Com-
pany will be held at the Offices of
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON &
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January, 1927, at noon for the
purpose of receiving the Report of
the Directors together with a
Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of
the Company will be CLOSED from
FRIDAY, 14th January to
THURSDAY, 27th January, both
days inclusive, during which
period no transfer of shares can
be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SECOND AN-
NUAL GENERAL MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held
in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell
& Co., Limited, on MONDAY,
the 31st January, 1927, at 11 a.m.
for the purpose of receiving the
report of the General Managers
together with a Statement of Ac-
counts to 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the
24th to 31st January, 1927, both
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DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 18th January, 1927.

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This was the verdict delivered on
Dec. 15 before the Parents' Asso-
ciation by Dr. Henning Baifrage, of
the New Health Society. Girls, he
said, were as a rule sensibly clad,
but boys were made to put on men-
strous coats and waistcoats and
hats that were atrocious. Of this
the Christ's Hospital boys were an
extreme example.

Sunday should in part, he urged,
be devoted to outdoor exercise, but
boys were made to put on that day to wear
a travesty of adult dress—an
anachronism and absurdity which
should certainly disappear. In one
well-known school all garments,
including socks, had necessarily to
be black, though lighter fabrics
were known to be better.

To realise this it was only
necessary to compare the life his-
tories of plants and boys. Boys
had need of exposure of the skin to
cool air and sunlight.

Ultra-Violet Rays Needed.

In the home open windows and
open grates might solve the prob-
lem, but these conditions were not
met in the great schools.

It had been shown by recent re-
search work that the presence of
ultra-violet rays was essential, and
in this respect the clothing of
women was vastly superior to that
of men and boys. The open neck,
the bare arms, and the artificial
silk stockings, which allowed the
passage of the rays, were all to the
good, and the question arose whether
all school-rooms should not be
fitted with the special glass which
permitted the passage of 75 per
cent. of the ultra-violet rays.

For underclothing silk and linen
were excellent. Flannel, however,
enclosed the heated air next the
skin. It was desirable that shorts
should be worn all the year round.
Collars which restricted the great
blood vessels of the neck were
abominations, and corsets for girls
were anathema. Of the population
75 per cent. showed foot injuries
because of defective footwear.

The less that hats were worn by
girls and boys the better. The
bowler was apt to result in pre-
mature baldness, while the top hat
was an abomination.

The skin should be trained to low
temperatures at an early age, and
if children were sensibly clad in
early years they would escape many
of the disfigurements of later life.
He knew of one baby which lay out
in the open and was perfectly
happy, clad only in artificial silk.
Fortunately, it was a girl, for if it
was a boy and was sent to Eton
and clad as Eton boys were it would
savour of cruelty.

STRIKE "INQUEST."

London, Jan. 20.

A vigorous controversy between
the Trade Union Congress Council
and the Miners' Federation over
the General Strike, is revealed in
reports of both, submitted to a
conference of executives of affilia-
ted unions to-day. The T. U. C.
report declares that the strike was
terminated for one sufficient reason
only; namely that in view of the
attitude of the Federation its con-
tinuance would have rendered its
purpose futile. The Council regrets
that so great a demonstration of the
loyalty of the Trade Union move-
ment found so little practical ap-
preciation and response on the part
of those for whom the sacrifice was
made.

The report of the Miners' Federa-
tion is strongly worded and declares
the General Strike was the climax
of the concerted endeavours of the
employers for years to solve their
problems by wage-cutting. The
first attempt at general wages re-
duction in 1925, was defeated be-
cause the Labour movement was
under, at that time, a strong and
determined leadership. The T. U. C.
Council stood by the miners but
after publication of the Royal Com-
mission's Report the Council hesi-
tated to reaffirm the position to
which it had committed the whole
movement. Thus the workers en-
tered the General Strike unaware
that the Council contemplated yield-
ing.

The statement concludes that
longer hours and lower wages can-
not bring peace in the coalfields.
"Our organisation is still intact.
We are determined to recover lost
ground. We look confidently for
the support of the whole Trade
Union movement."—Reuter.

COMEDY OF UNDRESS.

When returning to London in a
saloon carriage attached to the 5.53
p.m. train from Farnham, Kent,
those who had competed in the Ox-
ford and Cambridge cross-country
race at Horton Kirby in the after-
noon began to change into dinner
dress.

The train, however, only went as
far as Swanley, Junction, and the
undressed, half dressed and
with some of their clothes in their
arms, had to leave the carriage.

NEAR DEATH.

RUGBY PLAYERS' BROKEN
NECK.

WALKING ABOUT.

A case of a young man walking
about for three weeks with a partly
broken neck is reported from Rugby.
On September 25 Mr. Albert
Edward Timms, aged about 20, of
Pinfield-treet, New Bliton, Rugby,
took part in a Rugby football match
at Lutterworth, and during a scum-
mage his head was forced against
that of an opponent.

He felt, he says, something crack
in his neck, and he collapsed un-
conscious. He was taken to Lutter-
worth Cottage Hospital, where he
was detained for five weeks.

For three weeks he remained at
home and occasionally went for
short walks. When, however, he at-
tempted to go some distance, he
stated, his neck became very painful
and his head began to hang forward.
Yielding to the entreaties of his
mother, he visited the hospital at
St. Cross, Rugby, where he was put
under the X-rays and it was found
that the vertebrae had been almost
severed.

The resident medical officer ordered
him to bed, and next morning his
head, neck, and shoulder were en-
cased in plaster of paris.

The surgeon is then said to have
remarked to him: "Do you know
that you have been going about with
a broken neck? Another one-
eighth of an inch and it would have
killed you."

Mr. Timms made rapid progress
and has now been discharged from
hospital, but he is still walking
about encased in plaster of paris
and receiving outpatient treatment.

3,000 EGGS IN SMASH.

A motor-lorry lad, with cases con-
taining 3,000 eggs skidded on Brook-
street Hill, near Brentwood, and
overturned. The cases were thrown
into the road, many of the eggs
were smashed, and traffic was ob-
structed for some time.

Harold Victor Brown, of Chelms-
ford, the driver, was badly hurt and
detained in hospital.

The Polish Sejm voted for the
Socialist motion reducing the Jus-
tice Minister's salary by 100 Zlotys
as a sign of non-confidence.

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January 21, 1927.

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Mrs. L. W. Holden, Messrs. N.
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T. P. Hall, Mr. B. R. B. Jones, Capt.
D. H. James, Messrs. H. A. Keller,
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Mrs. J. Zafferty, Mr. Oliver Lee,
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MONTEVIDEO MARU Tuesday, 1st March.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MANSHU MARU Monday, 24th January.
BORNEO MARU Friday, 4th February.
INDO MARU Tuesday, 15th February.
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.
PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd February.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.
SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 24th January.
TACOMA MARU Friday, 25th February.
BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
SEKKOW MARU Thursday, 3rd February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan.
LONDON MARU (From Shanghai) Thursday, 27th January.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
MENADO MARU Thursday, 24th February.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
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SANUKI MARU Wednesday, 24th January.
ALASKA MARU Saturday, 12th February.
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KATO MARU Sunday, 23rd January, 10 a.m.
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 30th Jan, 10 a.m.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Thursday, 27th Jan, 8 a.m.
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A total of £2,350 salvage remuneration was apportioned by Mr. Justice Hill in the Admiralty Court, to the owners of the "San Tiburcio," of London, £1,500, to the master £235, and to the crew £415, for services rendered the "Folkvard," of Oslo, when she was towed into Bermuda with her main engine badly damaged, at the beginning of March last.

For the salvors appeared Mr. H. Holman, instructed by Messrs. Holman, Fenwick and Willan.

The "San Tiburcio" fell in with the incapacitated ship in lat 32° 30' N., Long. 60° 30' W., at 7 in the morning of March 1. The "San Tiburcio," an oil-burning vessel, is of 5,996 tons gross, and 415 feet long, valued at £90,926, and was on her way from Swansea to Tampa. She found the "Folkvard" rolling heavily, broadside to the sea in a strong west wind and a heavy swell.

A boat was launched with six men in charge of the chief officer and took a line, performing a difficult service. By the middle of the afternoon effective towing began, but the rope parted at 5.20 and the vessels were drifting before the wind all night. The connection, resumed next morning, held until they made Bermuda harbour on the morning of March 5. The salvors were delayed till the afternoon of the 7th, for bunkers.

It was said that the "Folkvard's" wireless broke down after her first call for assistance, and she would have been in danger, if not discovered, had it not been for them.

The boat was launched on three occasions, and in extreme risk. No ship with less than the best ropes would have been of any use. The

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

CHINA MERCHANTS COMPANY'S
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In response to the appeal sent by the Canton City Merchants Joint Federation, the Provincial Government of Canton has sanctioned the landing of cargoes on the China Merchants S. N. Co.'s steamers, and has notified the Departments of Labour and Agriculture and Industry, the Seamen's Union and representatives of the owners of goods to have the matter properly arranged, states the "Canton Gazette."

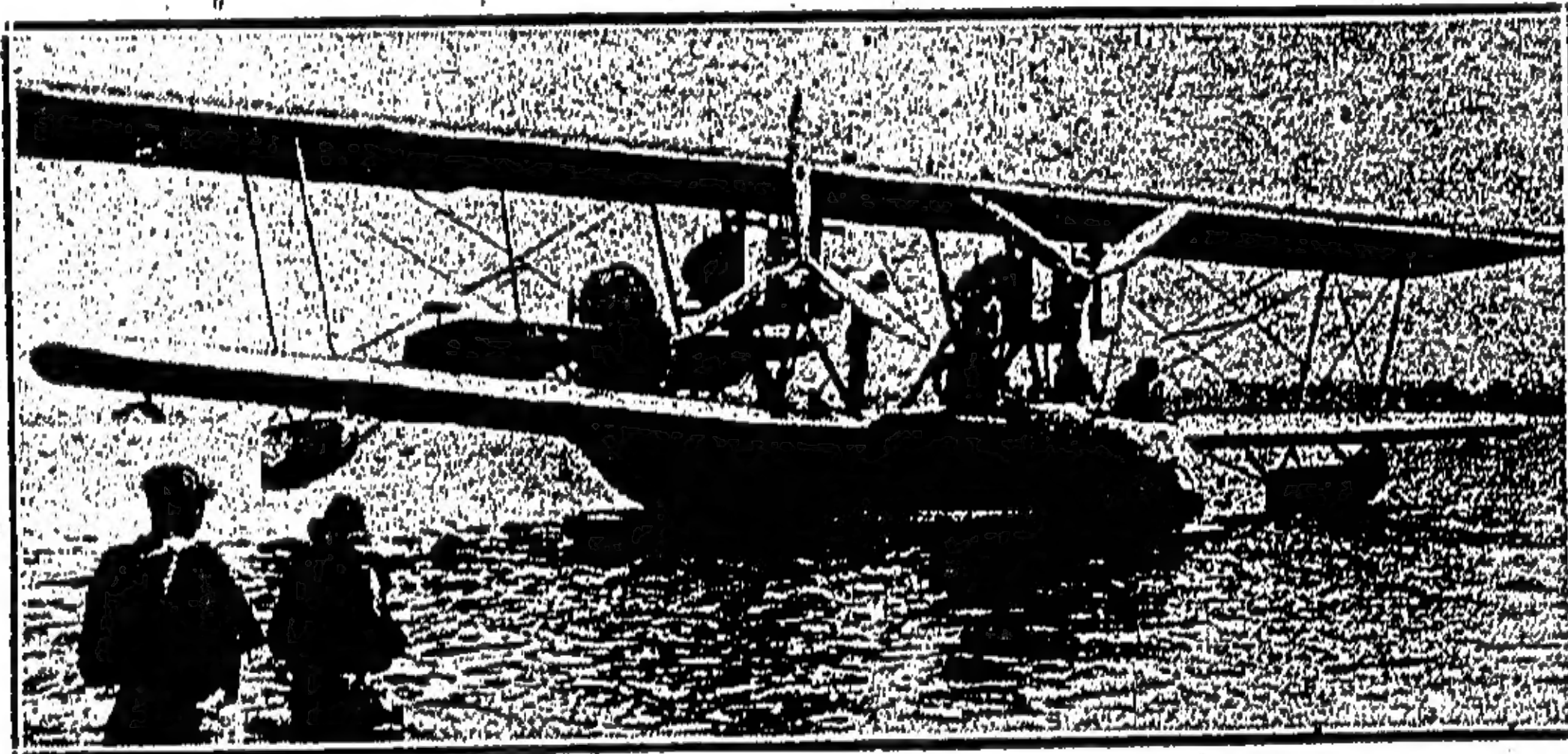
PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers who arrived in Hong Kong from London (via ports) on the P. and O. "Kashgar" on Jan. 21 were:—

From London: Lt. C. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Mr. N. Procter, Mr. D. C. Davis, Mr. R. Swan, Mr. W. Robertson, Mr. G. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mather, Mr. L. George, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Capt. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Bruce, Marine J. Franklin, Mr. J. Key, Marine H. Hawkins, Miss E. Williams, Mr. W. Smith, Mr. E. Buckridge, Mrs. S. Aherne, F/O. C. John, Mr. L. Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Duffin, Miss H. Anderson, Mr. W. Griffin, Mr. R. W. Northcott, Mrs. Evans.

From Southampton: Mr. E. Spratt, Mr. S. Trevasaki, Mr. A. J. Ward.
From Colombo: Mr. A. Hay Edie.
From Penang: Mr. J. Douglas.



This shows the crew working on one of the PN-10 planes at Philadelphia, which will be used in the United States Navy's non-stop flight of 2,100 miles to Panama.

"San Tiburcio" lost 4 days of her voyage by the deviation with oil fuel and gear, and towed the "Folkvard" about 450 miles.

EASTERN PORTS HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Jan. 15 reads:—

Plague: 4 cases at Reunion; 4 at Mauritius; 8 at Rangoon; 2 at Colombo; 2 at Sourabaya.
Cholera: 2 cases at Bombay; 65 at Calcutta; 5 at Negapatam; 3 at Haiphong; 5 at Bangkok.
Small-pox: 2 cases at Alexandria; 22 at Bombay; 134 at Calcutta; 1 at Karachi; 7 at Madras; 5 at Negapatam; 6 at Rangoon; 3 at Singapore; 3 at Padang; 3 at Bangkok; 1 at Valdivostock.

The tide ball which has been in operation on the George's Landing stage, Liverpool, for over 60 years is to be abolished, according to the official declaration of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board.

With only a stump of her mizen-mast remaining—the rest met a squall in the Wash and went away with it—the London sailing barge "Teresa" was assisted into Yarmouth by a tug, after being picked up off Ecton by the Cromer motor lifeboat "H. F. Bailey."

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A collision between a junk and a steam-launch near Canton this week resulted in the loss of two lives.

There were eight women on the junk including the junk-owner.

Five passengers were rescued, and the junk-owner saved her own life by swimming to the shore. One passenger, Cheung Wai-haan, and a servant girl, were drowned.

Scrapped under the Washington Treaty, the battleship "Ajax" completed in 1913, has been sold by the Admiralty to the Alton Shipbreaking Company, and left Portsmouth in tow for Rosyth, where she is to be broken up.

The schooner "Ella M. Rudolph" was driven ashore at the height of the storm near Catalina, Newfoundland. The captain, six men, and one woman were drowned. The captain's son, the only survivor, reached the shore after a great struggle.

The Swedish Naval Commission has elaborated a new shipbuilding programme, its cost exceeding 100 million Kronen, comprising four capital ships, 8 torpedo boat destroyers, 8 vedette boats, 9 submarines and 1 sea-plane carrier for 12 planes.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Takada" will leave Amoy for this port this evening, and is due here to-morrow, at about 4 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Yokohama on Jan. 15, and is due at Vancouver on Jan. 24.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benlawers" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Jan. 23.

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ALIPORE KIDDERPORE	5,273 5,334	8th Feb. 13th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA KALYAN	8,097 8,156	18th Feb. 19th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NELLORE MANTUA	5,283 10,902	2nd March 5th March	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR NAGPORA	9,005 5,283	12th March 14th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA MONGOLIA	7,023 10,504	18th March 19th March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MACEDONIA KHYBER	11,120 9,114	2nd April 9th April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA DELTA	8,156 8,097	16th April 27th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA KALWA	10,941 9,135	30th April 14th May	Marseilles and London
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TILAWA	10,000	11th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	14th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SHIRALA	7,841	1st March	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	8,000	28th Jan.	
TANDA	6,956	4th March	Manila, Kolambagan, Thursday
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane
ARAFURA	8,000	29th April	
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PELHAM LUCK.

DOOMED TITLES TO
TITLES.

EVIL STAR OF FAMOUS
FAMILIES.

[From time to time doom strikes
at one or other of the noble families
of Britain in a way that seems to
point to the fulfilment of an ancient
curse laid on the family.

An instance is the civil fate that
has befallen the Pelhams, during
the past few weeks. In fourteen
days the family title has been held
by no fewer than three Earls of
Chichester.]

The sixth Earl of Chichester, dy-
ing, left estates and titles to his
son, who within nine days succumbed
to pneumonia, the disease that
killed his father. John Buxton
Pelham, the fourteen-year-old boy,
next in succession, and present Earl
of Chichester, is the eighth earl.
Less than a quarter of a century ago
the fourth earl was still alive.

Sometimes the fate of a family is
bound up with a concrete object, as
in the case of the Musgrave family,
owners of the "Luck of Edenhall,"
a beautiful glass goblet which has
been lent by the present baronet,
Sir Courtenay Musgrave, to the Vic-
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old glassware, and, according to
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tact the house of Musgrave will
flourish. If, however, the wonder-
ful vase is shattered, the Musgraves
will be doomed.

Elaborate precautions are always
taken to protect the "luck." As
it always has a protective screen,
Sir Courtenay Musgrave told the
"Sunday Chronicle," "nothing short
of a fire or an earthquake is likely
to cause a calamity."

"Glass experts attribute it to the
tenth or eleventh century."
Sometimes, as in the case of Lord
Desborough's heirs, evil comes like
a sudden storm, sweeping away al-
most the whole of a generation
within a very brief time.

Car Tragedy.

All three of Lord Desborough's
sons are dead. Two were killed in
the war, as were their two cousins,
Captain Francis Grenfell, first to
join the V.C. in the war, and Cap-
tain "Rivvy" Grenfell, leaving the
youngest son, the Hon. Ivo Grenfell,
heir to the title.

Then, less than three months ago,
came the terrible motor accident
near Hawkhurst which robbed the
Desborough barony of its heir, the
Hon. Ivo Grenfell. He was the fifth
potential successor to his father's
title to die within eleven years.

A "drowning curse" hung over the
Websters, owners of Battle Abbey,
until Sir Augustus Webster, the last
baronet, died three years ago. The
curse, according to the supersti-
tious, was put on the owners of the
Abbey, whoever they might be, by
the dispossessed monks of Battle,
when King Henry VIII drove them
out with the rest of their kind.

Lord Montagu, who owned the
place the eighteenth century, was
certainly drowned, and so were his
two nephews. The last Lady
Webster died by drowning while
bathing in the lake of the Abbey,
just after the end of the War. An
American millionaire, Mr. Michael
Grace, became tenant of the Abbey,
and soon after he took possession
his daughter was drowned while
on a visit to Italy.

With the death of the last
Baronet Webster, the Abbey ceased
to be privately owned, and is now
the headquarters of a girls' school.
Apparently the curse has now been
broken.

Glamis Secret.

A curse, perhaps the most famous
and romantic of all, lies on Glamis
Castle, the seat of the Strathmore
peerage, and said to be the scene of
the murder of King Malcolm of
Scotland—and used as the scene for
"Macbeth" by Shakespeare.

As each heir to Glamis comes of
age, he is admitted into a secret of
the grim old castle.

There are tales of a walled room
in the thickness of the walls, con-
taining some mystery which it is
essential that the heirs of the house
of Strathmore should know.

This room, it is said, is broken
into by the earl and his factor each
time an heir comes of age, and is
then walled up again until the next
generation causes a repetition of the
process.

A MARRIAGE LAW.

FRENCH DOCTORS' HEALTH
PROPOSAL.

Professor Pinard, the "father" of
the Chamber, who has established a
great reputation as an accou-
cheur, has drawn up, with a num-
ber of his colleagues, a bill with the
object of making it obligatory on
the part of persons desiring to
marry to furnish what is called a
pre-nuptial certificate. The bill
has been distributed to Deputies,
and it sets forth that every French
citizen wishing to contract mar-
riage will only be inscribed on the
civil registers if he or she is
furnished with a medical certificate
dated the day before the wedding,
showing that the bearer presents
"no appreciable symptom of a con-
tagious malady."

The proposal of Professor
Pinard and his friends has given
rise to some discussion, and a
writer in the "Figaro" asks who is
to certify the accuracy of the cer-
tificate, and what right medicine has
to oppose a marriage which a little
more science would perhaps have
been able to diagnose as desirable.

FASHION'S LATEST!

BACK TO KNEE BREECHES
AGAIN.

SUGGESTED PARIS FASHION.

The interesting suggestion is
made by a writer in the "Journal"
that, instead of tamely following
the British lead in male fashions,
Paris should make a bid for the
leadership in this department, just
as she leads the world in feminine
fashions. To begin with, writes M.
Maurice de Walleffe, there is no
logical reason whatever why Eng-
lish standards of taste in men's
dress should be set up as an ideal
to be copied by the Latin races,
who constitute a different type from
the Englishman. And if the pro-
posed "fashion offensive" needs an
excuse, or a definite goal, he sug-
gests that it should begin with an
effort to abolish trousers.

There is no reason, he contends,
why men should shamefully hide
their nether limbs in cylinders,
which seem designed only to hide
anatomical defects. Women have
led the way in this direction by
steadily shortening their skirts.
Men should show that they, too,
have no reason to fear comparison,
and should revert to the fashion of
knee breeches. All that is re-
quired, says M. de Walleffe hope-
fully, is that a few dozen well-
dressed Frenchmen should adopt
knee breeches for both day and
evening wear, and proclaim it as
the Frenchman should adopt knee
breeches for both day and evening
wear, and proclaim it as the French
style. With support from the
Parisian, the thing could be done
within a week or two, he declares,
and French tailors, instead of
slavishly copying styles from Amer-
icans, and Italians adopting their
ideas and spreading French male
fashions throughout the world,
Knee breeches are bound to come
soon, says the writer, and if Paris
does not hasten to introduce them
London may.

The decay in Bible reading
throughout the country is deplored
by the Bishop of Southwark (Dr.
Cyril Garbett) in a letter he is
addressing to his diocese. He
points out that there were large
numbers of people to-day in our
own land who knew next to nothing
of the Bible, who were ignorant of
both its history and its contents,
and who were quite unable to re-
cognise the majority of the more
obvious quotations made from it.
"This decline in Bible reading, un-
less checked, will be nothing less
than a spiritual disaster to our
Church and nation," he declares.
"National life and character will
lose one of their greatest formative
factors, a potent influence for
righteousness will be only partially
lost, and one of the deepest chan-
nels of spiritual life will be blocked
through indifference and neglect."

Bishop Garbett expresses the
opinion that the growing neglect of
the Bible was due partly to the mass
of cheap and popular literature
poured forth from the printing
presses and to the fact that its in-
spiration was no longer accepted
so generally or in the same way as
by the men and women of past gen-
erations. The Bible was not the
only book, the time for reading was
limited, and a half-educated public
usually preferred books which were
recent rather than ancient, and
whose attraction was found in their
newness rather than in their
quality.

A Chinese woman is in hospital
with injuries to the head through a
brick dropping on her from the
1st floor of No. 49, Wing Lok Street,
yesterday.

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"DIG THAT MONEY
OUT."

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near Austin, Texas, by a bobbed-
haired girl whose polite manners
and refined dress completely dis-
armed suspicion.

The girl, a slender brunette of
about 20, walked into a bank and
explained to the manager that she
was a newspaper correspondent en-
gaged in writing a series of articles
about Buda. The manager oblig-
ingly furnished her with a table,
chair, and typewriter.

After writing for about half an
hour she astounded him by produc-
ing a revolver from her coat pocket
and by ordering him, sweetly, to
"Stand where you are." She level-
led the pistol at a bookkeeper and
commanded him to "Move closer."

She then directed both men into
a vault, where she forced the
manager to open the safe. "Dig
that money out," was her next com-
mand. The manager handed her
two packages each containing \$250
in American currency.

The girl then slammed the vault
door and locked it, leaving the two
bank officials inside, and then en-
tered her motor-car and drove away.

Several hours later at Austin the
police arrested Rebecca Bradley, a
young typist in the office of Mr.
Dan Mooney, the Attorney-General
and Governor-elect of the State of
Texas, who succeeds Mrs. "Ma"
Ferguson in the gubernatorial chair.

When charged with bank robbery
the girl merely smiled and said
nothing.

COOLIE WITH ARMS.

During the customary Police
search for arms on the "President
Pierce" at Kowloon wharf yester-
day, a Chinese coolie was arrested
and charged with being in posses-
sion of 400 rounds of ammunition.

KILLED IN CARGO HOLD.

On board the s.s. "Dolius," when
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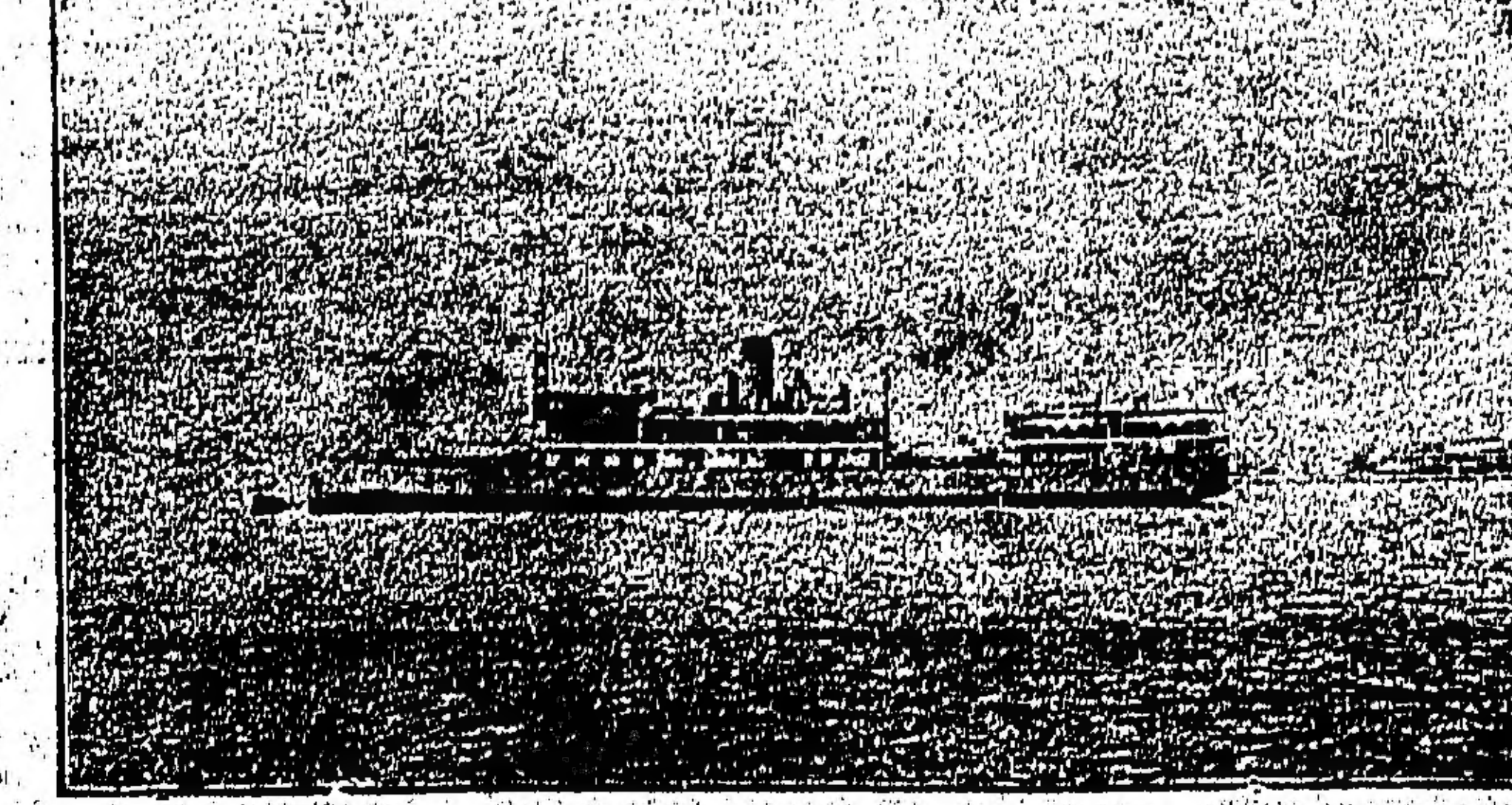
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SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

Following up the claim in the obviously inspired article in the "Canton Gazette" that the Nationalist Minister for Foreign Affairs effectively ensured the protection of British life and property in the Hankow British Concession, the Canton Information Bureau, the publicity mouthpiece of the Foreign Ministry of the Nationalist Government, has issued a statement repudiating responsibility for engineering the incident for the purpose of taking the Concessions. But is this not begging the issue? It is, to say the least, not strengthening the case of a Government which bases its claim to recognition on alleged power to govern with a firm hand even to "prove" that it merely refrained from fomenting trouble among those subject to its rule. Neither is it enough to state that the crowd, having invaded a Concession preserved by treaty rights, "scattered and dispersed" on being spoken to by officials of that Government. If the influence of National Government officials is such that they can quell a mob even after its passion has been aroused, allegedly by agitators neither inspired nor encouraged by the Nationalist Government, is not their responsibility a grave one in that they did not use their influence earlier to prevent the invasion of the Concession, the mutilation of the War

they would be put. From the latter point of view a Bank cashier surely has very strong claims for exemption.

A short while ago, the Cambridge University undergraduates discussed, the audacious notion "That this House disapproves of women." The debate was a comic one, the speakers merely seeking to disparage women by such suggestions as that her creation from a rib was proof that she was a side issue and that whereas man was out to get the most out of life, woman was out to get the most out of man. The debate at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A. on Thursday was a serious one, albeit considerable humour was introduced into the speeches. Having regard to the fact that the membership of the Y.M.C.A. is made up to a large extent of young men in business, the decision that they arrived at—that it is desirable for girls to enter business and professional careers—is significant of their appreciation of the refining influence and amenities she has brought with her entry into professional and business careers. It is equally as apparent that the bulk of them were in sympathy with the claims made by the movers that business experience tends to produce a girl or woman who is far more likely to be able to enter into her husband's difficulties and achievements and to use her vote properly than one who mopes at home and allows others to do her thinking for her. It is noteworthy that the resolution did not say "enter business careers" to the exclusion of marriage. That even married women may enter business to their own advantage and to the good of the community is nowhere more strikingly illustrated than in Hong Kong or the East generally where women who have no interests outside their home find time hangs heavily on their hands.

ITALIAN OPERA.

"IL TROVATORE" AT THE STAR.

CARPI COMPANY'S SUCCESS.

The much talked-about music-loving section of our local community was again conspicuous by its absence last night, when Signor Carpi's Italian Grand Opera Company opened a short season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon. True, there were several counter-attractions, but it may be said with little fear of contradiction that those who chose other amusement last night missed a rare treat.

This, of course, is by no means the first occasion upon which we have seen, and, of course, heard, this remarkable company—remarkable in that it is self-contained in every respect. One is inclined to emphasise this by way of tribute to the impresario himself, for it is no easy task to tour so large a company with an orchestra of twenty musicians and the necessary properties for so varied a repertoire. Seldom, however, have we heard Signor Carpi in finer voice, whilst Signor Mauceri, who, of course, opens the opera by relating the history of the Count's childhood, was at his best, receiving a great ovation at the conclusion of the first act.

Mlle. Gambino, as usual, scored heavily as "Leonora," whilst Mlle. Giannaglias, as the gypsy, was in fine form, especially in the more tragic moments of the drama.

Verdi's most famous operatic scene, the great "Miserere," followed by the impressive series of chorals in the orchestra and the sobbing Lament of "Leonora," were all admirably rendered.

The chorus lived up to its reputation in every way. The "Anvil Song" justly received a great reception, whilst the numerous other occasions of ensemble were consistently good.

Altogether, an excellent rendition of one of Italy's greatest operas.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

FAMOUS WILDE PLAY.

FILMED.

ENJOYABLE MUSIC.

One left the Queen's Theatre yesterday evening wishing that Oscar Wilde were alive to-day, feeling that were that possible we should be sure of a series of sparklingly entertaining films of contemporary life in London.

Of this type of film, that now showing at the Queen's Theatre unquestionably deserves first place. The producer very wisely decided to "dress" his production in modern style, the result being a thoroughly entertaining picture, one which even the most fastidious cine-goer could find little scope for criticism.

The story, of course, calls for little comment. As a vehicle for Irene Rich to display her temperamental qualities it is superb, whilst the comedy side of the picture—the three gossiping "catty" duchesses—is treated with sufficient moderation to prevent interference with the general run of the story.

The music is up to the standard that Hong Kong Amusement Ltd. have set for the Queen's Theatre, whilst an up-to-date news-reel provides an acceptable curtain raiser.

ROBBERS' VICTORY.
CANTON TROOPS DEFEATED IN SUBURBS.

"CANNONS & MACHINE-GUNS."

How Canton suburban robbers got the better of Nationalist troops is thus described in the "Gazette":—A gang of robbers in Kau Tong village of the Pun U district joined up with gangs under Yuen Ha-kau, and Pui Shou-chung and left the village by steam-launches with their cannons and machine-guns.

Later they made an attack upon the people in Ming King village where the constabulary soldiers were stationed.

"Recklessly Ransacked."
They attempted to break into the village in several directions, but the soldiers and the militia offered resistance.

However, they got into the village at last, and recklessly ransacked the place.

The constabulary soldiers and the militia launched a fierce attack on the place with the result that several of the robbers were killed. The rest made their escape.

Investigation made after the incident showed that five villagers had been killed, three others kidnapped, and over twenty homes looted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ON HISTORY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Your correspondent "Educationalist" raises an interesting and important point, but it seems to me that the matter needs further emphasis.

Anyone who has tried to find out what happened five or six years ago in some department of affairs which interests him knows how great the difficulty is. Unless you can find someone to put you on the right track, you may waste days consulting newspaper files, and probably not get exactly what you want in the end. Most people must have gone through this experience.

But what can be done? At schools, probably the best way of teaching history would be to teach it backwards, beginning with our own times and working back to more remote times. That would destroy history as a narrative, but would ensure that schoolboys knew rather more than they can now of the origins of the institutions which they have as citizens to work.

Yours, etc.,

GALLOVIAN.

Hong Kong, Jan. 20, 1927.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I heartily agree with your correspondent who raises the question of the necessity for teaching modern history in our schools. The majority of our schoolboys are grossly ignorant of the origin of the Great War whilst senior students know little, if anything, about the struggle between Capital and Labour during recent years.

With all due respect to present-day educationalists, I have no hesitation in saying that the whole system is wrong. Surely far more good could be done by teaching boys and girls to understand the heroism of Edith Cavell and all that her great sacrifice stood for instead of demanding lengthy essays on "Elizabeth's relations with Mary Queen of Scots" or "Henry VIII's struggle with the Pope!"

Yours, etc.,

"BILL THE CONK."

Hong Kong, Jan. 21, 1927.

THE NEW DELHI.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—Mr. Rupchand's letter reminds one of Lord Sinha's statement on India's unfitness for further Constitutional advance which, one assumes, will not be well received by that large body of extremists whose influence and position are dependent upon their ability to misrepresent and distort facts to ignorant people and who are consequently the more averse to being told sober truth.

No threats of unconstitutional action and no amount of obstruction in the Legislatures are going to help the cause of India's Constitutional advance. The aim of Great Britain is to guide India along the path to self-government.

That wisdom will prevail in the long run is the hope and, I think I may say, the opinion of most people who know anything about the subject, and, as Mr. Rupchand observes, the completion of the new Parliament at Delhi is a significant step forward.

Yours, etc.,

ANGLO-INDIAN.

Hong Kong, Jan. 21, 1927.

YING WAH GIRLS'

L. M. S. EDUCATIONAL WORK.

REPORT FOR YEAR.

The growth of the school from small beginnings was traced at the annual speech day yesterday of the Ying Wa Girls' School (London Missionary Society). This was held in the auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

The head mistress (Miss D. Hutchinson) read the report, and certificates of merit were distributed by Mrs. J. R. Wood.

Among those present were Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the Rev. H. R. Wells, and the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling.

In the course of her report, the head mistress said that in all departments of the school work had gone steadily forward during the year.

Continuing Miss Hutchinson said: "I hope, very much, that those senior girls who have completed the Lower Middle School course will continue their studies next year and realise for us one of our ambitions, as yet unfulfilled, by entering for one of the University Local Examinations."

"From the Primary School there are 17 graduates. I hope that none of these will be satisfied with what she has already achieved but be determined by further study to fit herself more fully for whatever work she may later decide to do."

"It was in the year 1846 that, in connection with the famous Anglo-Chinese College, which was founded by Dr. Morrison in Malacca and afterwards removed to Hong Kong, a small girls' school was started by Mrs. Legge of the London Missionary Society. It must have seemed much faith in those early days to see the possibilities of developing Chinese girls' education in this Colony, and one is not surprised to learn that the start was made with only seven pupils."

"From these small beginnings there has grown up during the last eighty years this Ying Wa Girls' School. Others have laboured and we have entered into their labours. Now, as we look forward to our new building in which we hope to attain a greater degree of efficiency and a larger measure of usefulness, it seems to me that this should be a time for gratitude and for resolution—gratitude for what the past has given us and for the opportunity that we have to carry on a great work; resolution that we will not betray those who have gone before us but, by renewed effort, will carry their work one stage forward, and, we hope, upward." (Applause.)

A Tribute.
After the certificates of merits had been distributed Mrs. J. R. Wood, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

Mr. Justice Wood said: "The present pupils of the Ying Wa School have no idea how long I have known this school. I first came to know it in 1912, when I was on the Educational Board, and I was then given to understand that the Ying Wa Girls' School was 'the one School in Hong Kong.' He concluded by saying he had much pleasure in wishing all successes to the Ying Wa Girls' School. (Applause.)

Musical Programme.
The musical programme opened with the singing of "Ying Wa," by the pupils. Miss Kwan Lu-tsun gave a pianoforte solo and was applauded.

The other items on the programme were as follows:—
Song: "The Squirrel," by Forms 6 and 7.
Drill by Forms 1 and 2.
Action Songs by Kindergarten.
Pianoforte Solo by Miss Sung Siu-ven.

Dance by The Boarders.
Song: "Little Brown Seed," by Forms 3 and 4.
Lantern March by Form 5.
Song: "Moon Rise," by Middle School.

National Anthem.
Cordial thanks were expressed by the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling to all those who had so kindly co-operated or assisted the School, and to all those who were present.

Three new British officers of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade have just arrived to assume duty. They are Mr. E. C. J. Buckridge from London; Mr. W. McIntosh Smith, from Glasgow; and Mr. Lewis Walton, from Newcastle. At present they are attached to the two main stations and yesterday attended their first "outing" at Jervois Street. Later they may take charge of district stations. The arrival of a fourth officer will make up the quota recommended by the Commission appointed after the fire at the Hong Kong Hotel on January 1, 1926.

It is notified that a competitive examination for the Indian Civil Service, open to all Indian persons, will be held in London in July and August, 1927, and that copies of the regulations, syllabus of examination, and forms of application to be filled up by the candidates, may be seen on application at the office of the Colonial Secretary.

It is notified for general information that "Memorial" or Re-entry by the Crown on Kowloon Island, Lot No. 1485, Kowloon Island, Lot No. 1484, Kowloon Island, Lot No. 1485, Island Lot No. 2446, and New Kowloon Island Lot No. 468 R.P. Sub-section 1 of Section A and Remaining Portion of Section A, have been registered according to law.

BRITISH IN CHINA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

of Fukien. The communiqué also states that to representatives interested to follow the course of events very carefully and send information likely to facilitate the task of the Government. It concludes by announcing that the Spanish Minister at Peking has detached a secretary from his Legation to Shanghai to get into direct touch with the Spanish Colony.—Reuter.

British Policy Reaffirmed.

Rugby, Jan. 21.
Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Minister of Labour, last night said the recent Memorandum proved that the British Government appreciated the desire for a modification of the conditions under which foreign countries had hitherto conducted relations with China. The Government had also pointed out the way whereby there could be a transition from the treaty system.

Our proposals were designed to give scope to Chinese aspirations and yet at the same time to secure justice to foreign citizens there in the transition period. I almost all causes, the ideal policy was one which combined moderation and avoidance of provocation with firmness. Although ideal, this was also the most difficult since, unless care was taken, moderation might be mistaken for weakness. Our wish was to satisfy legitimate Chinese National aspirations. For that reason we again showed self-restraint under provocation at Hankow and our officials, to prevent any conflict, evinced the concessions with conspicuous skill and with tact. We did not wish a liberal policy to China to be deflected by isolated acts of the mob, however regrettable. At the same time, if such acts should become general, or if they were to be abetted by or committed by any armed forces of China, we were absolutely bound to protect British subjects there.

Shanghai was a great centre for external trade for an immense part of China, containing thousands of British, and of other Europeans half as many again. We had shown moderation and liberality, and we proposed to do so still. But it must be equally clear that behind that lay the same degree of absolute firmness, in protecting the British who, with the consent of the Chinese, had settled in their great city of Shanghai and had helped so much to develop their country.—British Wireless Service.

FORGED CHEQUE.

EUROPEAN'S SIGNATURE COPIED.

CLERK SENT TO JAIL.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, a Chinese clerk pleaded guilty to being charged before Mr. W. Schofield with forging and uttering a cheque for \$2,480 purporting to bear the signature of Mr. E. Bullock, of the China Navigation Coy.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Bullock said that the first he heard of the incident was on Wednesday afternoon when the manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank phoned him and asked him whether he had issued a cheque for that amount as the accountant was not satisfied with the signature. Witness replied that he "most certainly had not," and went at once to the bank where he found the prisoner.

Det. Sgt. Brittain produced a rubber stamp of the Tuck Hing Curio Store with which the cheque had been endorsed.

Mr. Schofield: Is the cheque book locked up?—It is kept in a locked drawer. Sometimes I leave the drawer unlocked for a few minutes if I go into another office.

His Worship: When do you think it was stolen?—The last cheque I signed was on the 15th.

In reply to further questions, witness said that the prisoner had been in his employ since November 6, 1926.

Sgt. Brittain, in reply to the Magistrate, said that the prisoner was born in Shanghai, where his parents were at present living.

His Worship passed sentence of six months' hard labour on the first charge and three months' imprisonment on the second, the terms to run concurrently.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following gentlemen to be members of the Pilotage Board of Examiners, with effect on and from January 1, 1927, and until further notice:—The Deputy Harbour Master (President), An Officer of the Royal Navy, and Messrs. Frederick Stanworth Aday, Reginald Dowsett Thomas, and Lloyd Kay.

FIREMEN INJURED.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES FROM DEATH.

BURIED IN DEBRIS.

Miraculous escapes from death were experienced yesterday by Mr. G. C. Moss, station officer of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, a Chinese sub-officer, named Harold Chan, and a driver foreman, Yeung Hop.

Having subdued a fire at No. 136, Jervois Street after an hour's battle with the flames (the call was made shortly after 4 p.m.) these officers ascended to the top floor for the purpose of playing water on to the smouldering materials.

No sooner had they stepped on to the floor than it gave away, precipitating them to the floor below and partially burying some and completely burying Sub-officer Chan. Their fall had fortunately been observed by other firemen, who rushed to the rescue and, after considerable difficulty, extricated them from their perilous position.

Protected by helmet. A considerable quantity of material had to be cleared before Chan was even located, and it was then found that he had had a miraculous escape, his helmet saving his head from serious injury.

Except for slight bruises none of the officers had experienced serious harm and after receiving treatment at the Government Civil Hospital they proceeded home.

The damage done to the house in question was considerable, being estimated at almost \$10,000. The fire had obtained a secure hold before the alarm was given. The premises affected were those of a joss paper and cracker dealer.

The fire was confined to the one house.

Another Call.

Another call was made later by the 1st floor of No. 17, Jubilee Street where the fire was put out and practically no damage resulted.

TAIKOO BALL.

ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS ACHIEVED.

STRIKING DECORATIONS.

A happy evening among congenial surroundings was spent at the Taikoo Club last night, the occasion being the annual Taikoo Ball which was attended by about 300 members and guests.

The hospitality of Taikoo is traditional and at no time is it so strikingly illustrated as on the occasion of this yearly function. The coloured lights suspended along the path leading to the Club added to the inviting appearance of the entrance which was bedecked with flags and plants, and a homely feeling permeated the atmosphere throughout the whole of the proceedings.

The scheme of decoration in the dance hall, carried out in the Dennison crepe paper method, was very striking and transformed the room into a blaze of colour. As usual, Mr. John Squire's framed photograph occupied a prominent position in the hall, above the dance indicator, and below were the letters "T.C." in red on green and blue grounds.

The Brunswick Orchestra played a splendid programme of dance music and a revolving coloured spot light produced a pleasing effect.

The supper room was brightly illuminated and tastefully decorated with flags, etc., the "Dispensary" was close at hand, and smaller rooms were converted into cosy sitting-out places.

There were 22 dances, including the Lancers, Eightsome reels, waltzes and, of course, the ever popular fox trot.

The guests included Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. D. Templeton, Mr. K. V. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shervell, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Ward, Mr. W. J. Hill, Mr. H. C. Recker, Capt. Robinson, Staff-Capt. Mayall, and Chief Engineer Lamb, of the s.s. "Canada"; Capt. and Mrs. Innes, Mr. R. M. Young, Commander and Mrs. Sanger, Dr. Millward, Dr. McKenny and Mr. and Mrs. Burgess.

The principal credit for the success of the ball is due to the members of the various Committees, who all worked enthusiastically in making arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the guests, and particularly to Mr. R. M. Keown, who carried out the Secretarial duties.

The members of the Committees were as follows:—

Decorators: Messrs. R. Gray, M. H. Wallace, T. Grimshaw, E. Howell, T. Young and R. B. Bell.

Buffet: Messrs. D. Munro, E. Howell and J. B. Richmond.

Card Room: Messrs. D. Walmsley and G. McLeod.

Cloakroom: Mr. J. Laing.

Bar: Messrs. R. K. Duncan, J. B. Richmond and R. M. Keown.

M.C.'s: Messrs. E. Moore, G. H. Stewart and H. Dineley.

One case, of enteric fever (Indian) was reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday.

LOCAL MOTORISTS.

SUCCESSFUL DINNER DANCE YESTERDAY.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS.

Members of the Hong Kong Automobile Association and their lady friends to the number of about 150 spent an enjoyable evening last night at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden, the occasion being a dinner dance organised by the Association, the first event held in connection with it.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, President of the Association, Chairman for the evening, expressed the hope during the course of the dinner that it would be the forerunner of other similar gatherings.

The Chairman also dwelt on the benefits to be derived from membership of the Association, the privilege of introduction to other A. A. organisations all over the world which membership to the Hong Kong branch conferred; the putting forward of suggestions for motor conditions improvement to the Police through an official channel and the sympathetic consideration of such suggestions by the Police with whom they were on the best of terms—(applause)—the consultation at nominal charge of the Association's lawyers; technical expert advice also at nominal charge in purely mechanical troubles; and the protection of cars stationed at the Ferry, Kowloon and outside the City Hall from petty thefts.

Chaufeurs' Bureau. A little while ago, said Mr. Bernard, our very energetic Secretary, the Rev. G. E. S. Updehl, started a Motor Drivers' Registration Bureau. If members desiring chauffeurs will apply to him they will be put in touch with chauffeurs who are good drivers and have good police records, and moreover whose demands in the matter of wages are reasonable.

This Bureau is thoroughly deserving of support and it is to be hoped that members will take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded of getting competent and satisfactory drivers who will not be guilty of heavy squeeze.

I do not want to take up any more time and hope that what has been said will show that this is a live organisation and both deserves and needs the support of all motorists. The more members we have, the more funds there will be at our disposal and the more we can do for members.

Mr. Bernard also made a reference to the Police Flying Squad and related how the "fery dragon" recently passed him near Magazine Gap.

Commander Hartford replied to the toast and said that he had been in Hong Kong since 1910 and had watched the growth of motoring in the Colony with interest. He thought the time had come when the Automobile Association was a real necessity and paid a warm tribute to the officials both past and present who had done so much to bring the organisation up to its present very efficient state.

"SCOTCH" WINE. DISTILLERS SEEKING GREEK SPIRIT.

London, Dec. 31. "Whisky or wine" may possibly be the query in future, when the tippler orders "Scotch," since a large firm of Scottish distillers are negotiating with the Greek Legation in London for the importation of "must" or current grape spirit derived from third-grade currants, the import of which is forbidden into Great Britain, but no embargo is placed on the importation of the spirit, which is used extensively in Greece as the basis of wine.

The Commercial Attache to the Greek Legation, says that Scottish enquiries suggest that if "must" is imported in bulk, it will be used in the manufacture of a new sort of wine.

VALUABLE GARBAGE. GERMAN'S PROCESS TO BE EXPLOITED.

London, Dec. 30. Berlin.—The problem of the disposal of garbage in towns may soon be solved by the process invented by a Berlin Engineer, Gerson, whereby garbage is separated and shifted from all cellulose ingredients, is subjected to special treatment, after which it can be transferred into gun-cotton or artificial silk, while by distilling the remaining refuse, potato peelings, wood, etc., tar, charcoal, and acetic acid may be produced.

A big plant to dispose of garbage by Gerson's method is being constructed in Berlin.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

January 22—Queen's Theatre: "Lady Windermere's Fan."

January 22—World Theatre: "Manhattan."

January 22—Star Theatre: "From the Ground Up."

January 22—Royal Italian Opera Company presents "Rigoletto" at Star Theatre, Kowloon, 8.15 p.m.

January 23—Concert at Tai Yai Theatre, under the auspices of the Sacred Heart College, 10 a.m.

January 23—Social and Dance at Diocesan Boys' School under the auspices of the D.S.O.B. Assn., 8.30 p.m.

January 26—Dance on H.M.S. "Tamar."

January 26—Chinese play, by Bellflower Public (Girls) School in Queen's College Hall, 8 p.m.

January 29—Theatre Royal: "Red Riding Hood," 9.15 p.m.

February 1—Fancy dress ball in Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel, Sports.

January 26—Entries for the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament close on this date.

February 5—Next tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assn.

February 5—Inaugural meeting of the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao.

February 12—Steeplechase Meeting of Fanning Hunt, Kwanti Race Course.

Auctions. January 28—At No. 4, Felix Villas, Mt. Davis Rd., Pokfulam, household furniture will be auctioned by Messrs. Lammet Bros., at 2.45 p.m.

January 27—Chinese curio will be sold at Messrs. Lammet Bros' Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

Meetings. January 27—Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.'s thirty-ninth meeting at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

January 27—Seventh meeting of Queen's College Old Boys' Assn., in Queen's College Hall, 5.30 p.m.

January 28—Twenty-ninth meeting of the "Star Ferry Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's office, 11 a.m.

January 31—Annual meeting of seat-holders and subscribers, at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.15 p.m.

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SOCIALIST COUNTESS. EASTON LODGE OFFER WITHDRAWN.

London, Dec. 30. Lady Warwick has withdrawn her offer to hand over Easton Lodge as a Labour College.

This is a sequel to the decision at the last Trade Union Congress that the proposal to put a levy on members for the purpose of converting the Lodge into a Trade Union College.

His Excellency the Governor has re-appointed Chevalier Jose Miguel-Alves to be a member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years, with effect from January 23.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Birthday of the Celestial Dragon (known as Tien Lung Tan), a religious date in the old Chinese calendar, falls on Monday this year.

Mr. Sidney Myer has offered Melbourne University, a gift of 25,000 fully-paid Ordinary shares in the Myer Emporium, the present value of which is nearly £60,000. Mr. Myer has asked the University to hold the shares until their value is at least £100,000.

The Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd. has sent the "China Mail" several charming Chinese calendars in colours.

The German scientific films for which the China Export, Import and Bank Company are the agents were shown at the Hong Kong University yesterday evening (their nature has previously been indicated). The chair was taken by Dr. Koon Sik-wah, and among others present were the P.C.M.O., Dr. McKenny, Dr. Heanley, and members of the staff and students of the University.

Prof. Langsner, the telepathist, who gave demonstrations in Hong Kong a few months ago, is returning to the Colony next week and will appear on Wednesday at the Queen's Theatre. As the Professor is travelling by the "President Jackson" to Manila before returning to Vienna, he will only be here for one day.

More to prisoners of war appears to be no part of either side's programme in the present struggle which is going on in China. The Cantonese General Chien Kang who was taken prisoner in a skirmish at Fuyang was tried by the Shanghai Military Court, sentenced to death and executed, the following day. Gen. Chien was reputed to be the commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Army in Kiangsu, and during his trial he confessed that he was responsible for sending agitators to Shanghai for the purpose of creating disorder there. Two of these men were mentioned by him by name. Both were beheaded a few days ago.

The increasing number of kidnappings, assaults, following threatening letters, and similar types of crime in Nantao and Chaipei has attracted the serious attention of the Chinese police, and when threatening letters are received very minute investigations are being made in order to discover the senders. At the present time the police are investigating a case in which a letter demanding \$1,000 has been received by the proprietor of a shop in Nantao. A certain restaurant is named as the rendezvous where the money is to be paid over, and the recipient is warned that if he fails to come up to scratch he will be attacked and murdered. In this case the writing is said to resemble that of a former assistant in this shop and efforts are being made to trace this man.

An ancient tragedy was related at a meeting in Edinburgh of the Society of Antiquaries. Professor Waterston, of St. Andrew's University, describing a skeleton found in a Bronze Age grave at Pickle, near Boarhills, Fife, said that the man had received several scalp wounds, which healed slowly and gave much trouble. His end was sudden and violent. A blow with a blunt weapon aimed at his head was deflected; he had thrown up an arm to defend his head, and his arm and lower side of his left neck were badly bruised. He was then cut down from behind with a sharp instrument which missed his head and cut into the back of his neck, reaching the spinal cord. While he lay on the ground a club smashed the right side of his head.



A glimpse into the royal family album has revealed this unusual picture of Queen Marie of Roumania, as she appeared when she was a Crown Princess.

The Associated Newspapers propose to capitalise £750,000 undivided profits and distribute one new deferred for each two deferred shares held.

Lord Curzon has been appointed Junior Whip of the Conservative Party vice Lord Jesse, who resigned for health reasons.

Through the courtesy of Mr. H. W. Ray, the students of the Sacred Heart College will hold a concert in commemoration of the good results secured by fellow-students at the University Matriculation examination at the Tai Yat Theatre to-morrow at 10 a.m.

The several primary schools managed by the South China Athletic Association will have their joint speech day at the Lee Garden, Causeway Bay, at one o'clock, to-morrow afternoon, when Mr. Tsang Yiu-ting, a prominent Chinese merchant and chief patron of the schools, will present the prizes. Mr. Tsoi Kin-yung, chairman, and Mr. Mok-hing, chairman of the S.C.A.A. Committee on Education, have issued invitations for the gathering.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Bishop Valtorta (Vicar-Apostolic of Hong Kong) left for Waichow yesterday. He will be absent for some days, possibly until after China New Year.

After a brief business visit to Hong Kong, Mr. G. P. Bradford, agent for the local shipping firm of Messrs. Swayne and Hoyt, has left for Manila, sailing yesterday on the "President Pierce."

Among the many passengers on the "President Pierce" when she sailed yesterday for Manila were Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Eskey. Dr. Eskey is attached to the United States Public Health Service at Manila.

A number of well-known passengers arrived here yesterday by the P. and O. s.s. "Kashgar" from the North, including Flight officer D'Aeth, R.A.F., Mrs. D. Wahl, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Inglis, F.O. Thackeray and F.O. Jones, Miss Childson and Mr. J. N. Dalgarno.

Among those on the "Kashgar" (which arrived yesterday) were Captain and Mrs. E. C. O. Thompson, F.O. C. John (from London); Captain and Mrs. A. Cook, Captain C. A. Sandels (going on to Shanghai); Major A. Thompson, (from Singapore); Major C. T. M. Smith (from Marseilles); Lt. F. Du Cane and Lt. Sgt. E. Chapman, (from Malta); Lt. C. and Mrs. Russell (from London); Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Taylor and Miss H. Taylor (from Marseilles).

LOCAL DOCTOR'S WEDDING.

Dr. D. K. Samy Pillai is to be married this afternoon at Union Church. He is a Straits boy, the son of Dr. D. S. Pillai and came to the Varsity a few years ago till he obtained his M.B., B.S. degree. His bride is Miss Gertrude May Chan, the daughter of Mr. Chan Yuen-shui. Dr. D. J. Valentine of the Government Civil Hospital is to give the bride away. Dr. J. S. Gunder is to be "best man" and Miss Violet Chan will be bridesmaid. The reception is at the Hotel Savoy and the happy couple will spend their holiday in Shanghai.

Mr. G. Otten of the Java-China-Japan Line, sailed for Manila yesterday on the "President Pierce." He will be returning to Kobe later by the same steamer.

SHIPPING MAN'S MARRIAGE.

A quiet marriage took place at the local Registrar's office yesterday, the contracting parties being Mr. G. A. Harrell, passenger agent in Hong Kong of the Dollar Line and the American Mail Line, and Miss E. S. Marsh, who was also formerly in the same office. The happy couple subsequently left on the "President Pierce" to spend their honeymoon at Manila.

Mr. J. Key of the Government service, returned to the Colony yesterday on the "Kashgar" from London, on expiry of home leave.

Sergeant R. S. R. Swan of the Police was on the "Kashgar" which arrived yesterday from London. A leading soccer goalkeeper till a few years ago, he has been spending his holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidson and family returned to Taikoo Dock yesterday, after spending long leave at home. They sailed from London on Dec. 16 on the P. & O. "Kashgar" which brought a large number of people to Hong Kong.



King Alfonso and Queen Victoria are shown laying the corner-stone of the new provincial hospital of Valdeletras.

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OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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You can do valuable work by posting a copy of this week's "Overland China Mail." It will be commented upon, quoted and kept for reference.

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Outside of sentimental reasons, one has also a duty to the folks at Home.

Each issue of the "Overland China Mail" is a complete and comprehensive diary of the week's events in China and in Hong Kong.

All sides of a question are given so that the conflicting reports may be properly estimated. But where people abroad will be able to derive the greatest help is in the careful and brief footnotes and explanations added daily to the messages published.

We make it a duty to tell non-Chinese what every detail means. With the guidance of the "Overland China Mail" people reading the papers at Home will no longer be at a loss to understand whether a Chinese name is that of a place, general, party or office.

At no other time is the need for information from China so great. For a very small cost you can fill that need for a friend and put him under an obligation to you for being so thoughtful.

This week's features are, of course, the situation at Hankow and other concessions along the Yangtze, and the outrages on foreigners at Foochow and elsewhere.

READY TO-DAY.

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SPORTS SECTION

CRICKET CAREER.

W. H. PONSFORD TO JOIN BLACKPOOL.

AUSTRALIAN IN ENGLAND.

London, Jan. 3.
W. H. Ponsford (the Victoria and Australian Test Match cricketer) has accepted Sir Basil Parkinson's offer of an important position in Lancashire, enabling him to play for Blackpool as an amateur.

Australians' Strong Protest.
London, Jan. 3.
The Australian Board of Control has entered strong protests to the



W. H. Ponsford.

English authorities in an endeavour to secure joint action to prevent similar occurrences following future cricket tours.

St. For Every Run.

Melbourne, Jan. 5.

Following a meeting of enthusiasts at the Melbourne ground an unofficial committee was appointed to formulate a scheme to induce Ponsford, who has virtually decided to join Blackpool, to remain in Australia.

It was suggested that a fund of £5,000, equal to a sovereign for every run that Ponsford has scored in first-class cricket, should be raised.

Another proposal was to hold a benefit match on the Melbourne ground.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD.

VICTORIA DEFEATS SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

SOME HEAVY SCORING.

Melbourne, Jan. 6.

In the Sheffield Shield cricket match Victoria beat South Australia by 381 runs. The following were the concluding scores—

Victoria 304 runs and 649 runs.
South Australia 148 runs and 233 runs.

In Victoria's first innings Ponsford scored 108 in 103 minutes by chanceless and brilliant play. Hendry scored 68. Lee took 3 wickets for 32, and Grimmett 4 for 101.

In South Australia's first innings Pritchard scored 55. Morton took five wickets for 70 and Blackie 4 for 59.

Victoria's second innings lasted 590 minutes. Ponsford scored 84 and Hendry 86.

Low made 188 and Hartkopf 126 in 192 minutes, securing nine runs. The sixth-wicket partnership between them produced 217, which is a record for Victoria in the Sheffield Shield competition. Grimmett took 5 wickets for 180 and Williams 4 for 103.

In South Australia's second innings Schneider scored 63. Morton took 4 wickets for 70.

ROWDY SPECTATORS.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY AT PARIS.

LATEST NOTES BY MAIL.

Paris, Jan. 1.

Disgraceful scenes attended the conclusion of the Franco-Irish international "rugby" match.

A section of the spectators who were verbally hostile for the most part of the game, disputing many of the referee's decisions, invaded the ground, menacing the referee, who was an ex-Scottish international skipper, Mr. R. Scott.

The latter eventually escaped by a back door of the Stadium, under police protection.

Holiday "Nerves."

The incidents once more serve to draw attention to the nervous temperament of the French football crowd of the holiday variety, whose frequent outbursts are not always directed against foreigners, as last week they cheered the Maoris and booed the French.

It remains to be seen whether the Irish team will formally protest and whether they will refuse to play France again.

Crawford, the Irish captain, said he would not make an official report. That was for the consideration of the Irish Union.

The French critics and the French team agree that Mr. Scott's refereeing of what was a rough game was unexceptionable.

HOME RUGGER.

LAST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

THE NEW YEAR SCORES.

January 1.

England 22, "The Rest" 11.
Bath 11, Richmond 15.
Blackheath 22, Royal Navy 0.

Bradford 9, Birkenhead Park 8.
Bristol 8, Cardiff 16.
Exeter 22, Devonport Services 8.

Gloucester 11, Swansea 0.
Leicester 11, Manchester 8.
London Scottish 14, Old Ley-
sage 5.

Northampton 11, Old Alleynians 8.
Old Merchant Taylors 9, Guy's
Hospital 6.

Plymouth Albion 9, Newport 23.
St. Bart's Hospital 5, Harlequins 23.

Moseley 0, Aberavon 18.
Glasgow High School 17, Edin-
burgh Academicals 3.

Llanelli 3, Neath 0.
Watsonians 8, Stewartians 8.

Portsmouth Services 9, Old Blues 15.
Pontypool 6, Maoris 5.

Devonport Services 10, Newport 9.
Scottish schoolboys 13, English
schoolboys 5 (at Richmond).

Guy's Hospital 5, Royal Air
Force 3.

Cardiff 33, Bridgend 8.
Northampton 45, Moseley 15.

ODDS OF 2 TO 1 ON.

WORLD FLYWEIGHT BOXING TITLE.

AMERICA V. SCOTLAND.

New York, Jan. 21.

Great interest is shown in tonight's fight for the world's flyweight boxing championship between America and Scotland.



tween the American Fidel La Barba and Elky Clark, the British and European champion.

La Barba is favourite at odds of 2 to 1 on—Reuter's American Service.

44 1/4 MILES' RUN.

CAMERON HIGHLANDER'S VICTORY.

EDINBURGH TO GLASGOW.

London, Jan. 1.

The first runner ever to cover the distance of 44 1/4 miles between Edinburgh and Glasgow in a foot race (previous attempts failed at 30 miles) is W. Ruthven, a Cameron Highlander, who accomplished the feat this afternoon.

His time was 5 hours, 54 minutes, 45 seconds.

The remaining three competitors retired.

RECORD SOCCER SALARY.

London, Jan. 4.

After fourteen seasons of most successful football managements, during which Tottenham Hot-

Division I.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Club de Recreo	9	7	2	0	27	11	16
Scottish Borderers	11	6	1	4	17	12	13
Hong Kong F.C.	10	6	1	3	13	10	13
Chinese Athletic	11	4	5	2	19	13	13
Kowloon F.C.	12	5	2	5	21	13	12
Royal Artillery	11	5	1	5	16	17	11
Police R.C.	11	4	2	5	9	17	10
H.M.S. "Tamar"	9	1	3	5	13	19	5
South China A.A.	12	1	1	10	5	22	3

Division II, Section "A."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Borderers' Reserves	9	8	1	0	40	10	17
Chinese Athletic "A"	12	7	2	3	30	19	16
Recreo Reserves	12	5	3	4	26	21	13
Kowloon Reserves	9	5	2	2	23	9	12
St. Joseph's College	11	5	2	4	25	13	12
R.A. Reserves	9	5	0	4	15	12	10
University	8	2	0	3	16	17	10
H.K.F.C. Reserves	10	2	0	8	14	22	10
South China Reserves	10	1	0	9	6	32	2
Chinese Athletic "B"	12	0	0	12	7	50	0

Division II, Section "B."

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. Joseph's Reserves	12	10	2	0	44	13	22
Moslem Club	11	10	0	1	34	6	20
Chinese Athletic "A"	13	7	3	3	17	15	17
South China Boy Scouts	12	5	1	6	20	30	11
Bank Portuguese	12	5	1	6	16	27	11
Chinese Athletic "B"	12	3	0	9	16	23	6
South China "B"	11	2	0	9	16	30	4
Kowloon F.C. "B"	11	1	1	9	12	31	3

M.C.C. TOUR.

PROGRESS OF WARNER'S XI IN ARGENTINE.

LATEST NOTES BY MAIL.

London, Jan. 2.

Buenos Aires.—The first Test between the M.C.C. tourists and Argentina has been abandoned owing to rain.

There was no play to-day. Yesterday Argentina were all out for 327.

Henderson scored 70. He was dismissed seven times.

G. O. Allen (Middlesex) took 5 wickets for 105. J. C. White (Somerset) took 4 for 92. Both were most unlucky.

The fielding was deplorable. The M.C.C. scored 90 for 4 wickets.

The match was declared drawn. An innings victory.

London, Jan. 5.
Concordia (Entre Rios).—In the match between the M.C.C. tourists and Concordia, the home team were out for 78.

Miles took 6 wickets for 29 runs.

The M.C.C. scored 234 for 7 wickets.

Isherwood scored 101 by faultless play. He scored twenty-one 4's.

Weigall and White were 73 and 57, respectively, when stumps were drawn.

London, Jan. 6.
Concordia (Entre Rios).—In the match between the M.C.C. tourists and Entre Rios the following were the concluding scores—

puts won every competition they entered, except the First League Championship, Mr. Peter McWilliams has resigned to take over the managements of Middleborough F.C. at a salary of £1,500 per annum, probably the largest salary ever offered to a football manager.

MONEY IN CRICKET.

Sydney, Jan. 7.

The Board of Cricket Control has announced that the profits of the Australian tour were £20,700, which is £300 more than in 1921.

The Board has adopted a ball with a circumference of between 8 13/16 ins. and 9 ins.

The Board regrets that it has been unable to send a team to the West Indies.

Sydney, Jan. 8.
The Board of Cricket Control has decided to grant a bonus of £250 to each member of the Australian team which recently visited England, including the manager.

Future teams will consist of 15 players, whose remuneration will be fixed and bonuses discontinued.

Calcutta, Jan. 7.—The India ladies' golf championship was won to-day by Mrs. Allan Macbeth, a former British champion, who beat Miss Campbell, 5 and 4.

Entre Rios 78 runs and 173 runs.

M.C.C. 365 runs.

Weigall scored 73 and White 73 not out for the M.C.C.

In Entre Rios' second innings Miles took 6 wickets for 60 and White 4 for 55.—Times of Ceylon.

YACHT CLUB NOTES.

POSITIONS IN CHAMPIONSHIPS TO DATE.

CHAT ABOUT PROSPECTS.

The positions in the various championship events of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club have not undergone very great changes recently.

In the Handicap class "Rolla," who had held a lead of 6 points after the 6th race was tied by "Colleen" on the 7th but in the 8th "Rolla" went ahead by 8 points through "Colleen" being unable to finish owing to the very light air and adverse tides. "Rolla" with 48 points now leads from "Dorothy" 41 and "Colleen" 40.

The one Design and Gaels are still led by "Daphne" with 63 points, "Alisa" 58 and "Halcyon" 57. The first of the Gaels is "Thecla" with 48 points as a result of her winning the 7th race.

In the Heyward Hays Class, "Boojum," by winning the 7th race, was able to reduce the 9 point lead of "Bluenose" by 4 points and through beating her again by one place in the last race she is now only 4 points behind or 65 to 69. "Why Wonder?" and "Lola" tie for third place with 69 points each.

The Ladies' Championship is at an exciting stage with "Colleen" 32 points leading from "Diana" 29 and "La Linda" 27 in the Handicap Class.

"Boojum" with 95 leads from "Bluenose" 91 in the smaller class with "Thecla" third with 70 points, "Alisa" being fourth with 57 and "Why Wonder" fifth with 50.

With two more races to go there may still be many changes.

Last Sunday the Cruisers had a good race on the Waigau course which left no margin for mistakes or oversteering of marks, "La Cigale" and "U and I" both paying dearly for such errors, though it is doubtful if on the day they could have saved their time from "Fenella" (who won) and "Norsemann" (who gained 2nd place). The points at present show a close fight between the leaders with "U and I" first 27 points, "Coquette" 2nd 26, "Fenella" 25, and "La Cigale" 24. "Norsemann" is fifth with 19.

Diversity of opinion was shown over this race in that two of the smaller boats put back because of heavy weather whilst an onlooker who was once an owner of one of the same class expressed the opinion that it "was a grand breeze for a sail!"

The Y.R.A. have taken steps to limit the height of sail plan in the "Big" class at home. This will make for less expense and will probably mean more racing by same, since on several days last year boats remained on their moorings when there was any weight in the wind for fear that their sticks might go over the side if they raced.

The Yacht Club cruiser is making headway and with any luck should be "put down to water" before the end of the month. It will be interesting to see how she turns out. She looks as if she should provide more accommodation than the old four-tonners. The Club are indebted to a late owner of one of these boats for the design of the sail plan for the new boat and if past experience counts for anything then it should be a good one.—"Chau Kung."

INDIAN ARMY POLO.

Calcutta, Jan. 5.

The Army Polo Association of India has up to the present selected five players to represent Hurlingham Club against Meadowbrook for the Westchester Cup. They are: Major Atkinson, Capt. Denning, Capt. George, Capt. Williams and Capt. Roark.

The return mixed doubles lawn tennis match between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Club de Recreo will be played to-morrow afternoon at the Kowloon Cricket Club's courts, beginning at three o'clock.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI against the Submarines on Wednesday, at 4.45 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground:—S. H. Garrod; J. Rodger; D. Lyon; Rev. N. Evans; E. J. R. Mitchell (captain); Major J. P. S. Greig; G. B. Slipp; F. G. L. Wheeler; Capt. E. Jacobs-Larkcom; W. Woodward; G. P. Lammert.

With a view to developing and encouraging Welsh Amateur Association football and enabling Wales to take the place in this football that she occupies in the Rugby game, a new club, called the Welsh Dragons, was formed last season and, framed and run on the lines of the Cornishmen, has already displayed form that justifies the hope that it will prove of much help to Welsh football.

PRINCE'S GLASS.

VIEWS OF TOM, THE NAVY.

"HE'S WHAT I CALL A MAN."

Thus the "Daily Mail"—Scene: The Bricklayers' Arms, Stepney (Green, E.). A modest beerhouse, hidden away in a side street between Mile End-road and Commercial-road. Two partitions divide "saloon" and "public" customers. Around the walls are many photographs, chiefly concerned with the activities of the "Mutual Aid Jolly Boys," whose mission in life is to collect money for local hospitals.

Outside in the street a concertina is playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The room is crowded with a typical East End audience. Draymen, carmen, with aprons tucked in at the waist and strings tied under their knees, are being served with mild beer by the landlord, Mr. Mead, who entertained the Prince of Wales on a Wednesday night.

Mrs. Smith, a middle-aged woman, is relating to several envious women friends how she was treated to a drink by his Royal Highness, "a perfect gentleman if ever there was one."

Two of three navvies, sucking clay pipes, listen solidly to the conversation, led by a bright-eyed postman.

Landlord's Daughter.

Miss Beattie Mead, the 18-year-old daughter of the landlord, who had shaken hands with the Prince, walks through the bar with a subdued sense of conscious superiority.

Characters: Bob the drayman, a stalwart man with a magnificent chest and a gorgeous moustache. Tom, the navvy. A man of few words but of wide sympathies.

Mrs. Smith, a cheerful matron, realising her position as the star of the street.

The postman, who listened to everybody and smiled at everything.

Mr. Mead, the landlord, the chief of the Jolly Boys, whose ambition in life it is to exceed the £2,000 raised by his brother for the local hospital.

Two workmen.

The curtain rises to the cheery clink of glasses, with the concertina orchestra still playing "God Bless the Prince of Wales."

Bob (the drayman), squinting through his glass: What I say is the Prince of Wales is more than a prince; he is a blinking man. Comes here, he does, and has a glass of beer, and enjoys it.

Mrs. Smith: I was standing just where you are, my dear, and his Highness says: "Will you honour me by having a drink with me?" And I drops a curtsy and says, "Mine is a mild." And Mrs. Bishop she had a mild, and he bowed to us like the perfect gentleman he is, and I was so overcome I nearly choked.

Tom (the navvy): What I say is that a man who can enjoy a glass of beer like the Prince of Wales is what I call a man. When I ask you, would you find a president of the United States, or a president of the French Republic, or the top dogs in Russia, coming down here, here mind you, and enjoying his glass of beer? (Chorus of approval.)

The Postman (reflectively): I expect a good glass of beer is a pleasant change. After all, he's got to come here to get beer.

His Glass.

Mrs. Smith (triumphantly): There you are, my dear; just like the one I've got. I saw him myself standing behind that bar and drawing beer into that very glass.

First Workman with clay pipe: It's a wonderful thing when you come to think of it. It's never been done before, and what I say is we are glad and proud to have the Prince of Wales as one of us.

Second Workman with clay pipe: You are right, Jim.

The Postman: Well, here's his jolly good health!

The Company (enthusiastically): The Prince of Wales, God bless him!

TITANIC ROMANCE.

£1,000,000 FOR SEAMAN WHO SAVED CHILD.

John James, a fireman, living in Toronto, states that a great fortune has come to him as a reward for his bravery in rescuing a child during the "Titanic" disaster.

According to James' story, he was a seaman on board the "Titanic," passing under the name of John Jones, when the liner was struck by the iceberg.

He was assigned to lifeboat No. 8, and as the boat was drawing away from the stricken liner a baby girl named Phyllis Ayres was thrust into his arms by his mother, who would not desert her husband.

The mother and father were drowned and when the occupants of the boat were rescued by the "Carpathia" he took the child to New York, and later he brought her to England and delivered her to her grandmother Mrs. Ayres, a member of a wealthy London family.

WALKING DANGEROUSLY.

At North London Police Court Mr. Ivan E. Snell, the magistrate, said: Pedestrians, I do not think, are even summoned for walking in the street in a manner which is dangerous to the public, but every motorist knows that half of the troubles and dangers of half of the accidents are caused by the careless walking of pedestrians.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 22, 1927, 10.30 a.m.

Name.	Hong Kong Stock Exchange.	Hong Kong Sharebrokers Association.	Settle Broker's Share & Real Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	79	79	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1110	1110	1110
do. London	1118	1118	117 1/2
Chartered Bank	221	221	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	231	232	—
do.	213 1/2	213 1/2	—
P. & O. Bank	294	210	—
Bank of East Asia	84	6070 sa.	76
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	655 b 660 sa	640 b 660 sa	—
China Underwriters	1 1/4	1	5640
North China Insurance	145	140	1,10
Union Insurance	28 1/2 sa	284	—
Yangtze Insurance	543 M. n.	40	285
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615	615	615
Shipping.			
Douglases	30	30	30
Hongkong Steamboats	24	24	25
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1.10	24	1 1/2
Indo-China (Pref)	32	30	30
do. (Def)	42	40	40
Shell Transports	53 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Star Ferries	58 1/2	58	58 sa
Water-boats	15	15	15 1/2
Refineries.			
China Sugars	21 b 22 sa	20 1/2 b 21 1/2 sa	21
Malabon Sugars	36	35	36
Mining.			
Benguet	1.30	—	—
Kalayan Mining Ad.	38 1/2	42 1/2	40 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	25	25	25
do. (Single)	12 1/2	12	—
Shanghai Exploration	12 1/2	5	—
Shanghai Loan	18	8	—
Rauha	4 1/2	3.40	3 1/2
Tronoh Mines	21 1/2	21 1/2	—
Ural Caspians	8 1/2	—	—
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	111 b 110 sa	111 b 112 sa	112
H.K. & W. Docks	40 b 40 1/2 sa	40 b 41 sa	40
Hongkew	1165	1165	165
New Engineerings	16	6	6
Shanghai Docks	1110	110	110
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	7.30	7.30	7 1/4
Hongkong Lands	55 b 55 1/2 sa	55	55 b sa
Hongkong Realty	6	6	6
H.K. Territorial	3	3	3
Humphreys Estates	14	14	13 1/2
Prince's Building	89	87	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	10	8 1/2	8 1/2
Oriental	12 1/2	2.60	2 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	154	54	54
do. (new)	177	28	28
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5	4	5
Cements (comb.)	0	7.90	7 1/2
do. (old)	7 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2
do. (new)	184	—	17 1/2
China Buses	0	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	14 1/2	14 1/2 b 14 1/2 sa	14 1/2 b sa
do. (old)	14 1/2	10 1/2	11
do. (new)	7 1/2	8	8
China Prov.	4 1/2	5	4 1/2
Dairy Farms	18 1/2	18 1/2 sa	17 1/2
Der A. Wing	6	5	—
Hongkong Amusements	15 1/2	16 1/2	15 1/2
H.K. Constructions	2	2.20	2.20
Hongkong Electrics	59	59	59
H.K. Ropes (old)	10	10	9 1/2
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	21 1/2	22 1/2.80 sa	22
Lane; Crawford	8	7	7
Macao Electric	35	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9.40	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	15	15
do. (new)	7 1/2	8	7 1/2
Sinceres	9 1/2	9.10	9
Singapore Trams	13 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2
Taxis	2	75 c b \$1 a	75 Cts
United Asbestos	—	—	—
(Founders)	—	600	—
do. (Ordinary)	20	18	—
Watsons	13	12 b 12 1/2 sa	12
Wm. Powells	6 1/2	5 b 12 1/2 sa	5
H.K. Telephones	3 1/2 b 3 1/2 sa	3.30	3 1/2 b 3 1/2 sa

BRINGING UP FATHER

THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

With few exceptions, the new executive of the Labour-Socialist Parliamentary party consists of Right wing members.

The members of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers have voted against amalgamation with kindred unions.

A motor-lorry, swerving to avoid an ambulance, skidded and crashed into the Crown Hotel at the corner of Lancaster Gate, Terrace and Stanhope Terrace, W., wrecking two bars, but the driver escaped with a slight cut.

An old drag coach belonging to Royal Artillery officers stationed at Shorncliffe was used at the wedding of Sergeant J. C. Seaford and Miss Burrell at Folkestone Parish Church, the six horses being driven by three fellow sergeants.

P.C. Joe Howlett, door-keeper at Old Street Police-Court, has retired on completion of twenty-six years' service with the Metropolitan Police Force.

Two brothers, Peter Cowie, 45, and Alexander Cowie, 47, of the crew of an Aberdeen trawler were swept overboard and drowned off the Shetland Isles.

A site of 125 acres has been secured for a beet sugar factory, in which members of the group operating the Cantley, Kelham, Ely, and Ipswich factories are interested.

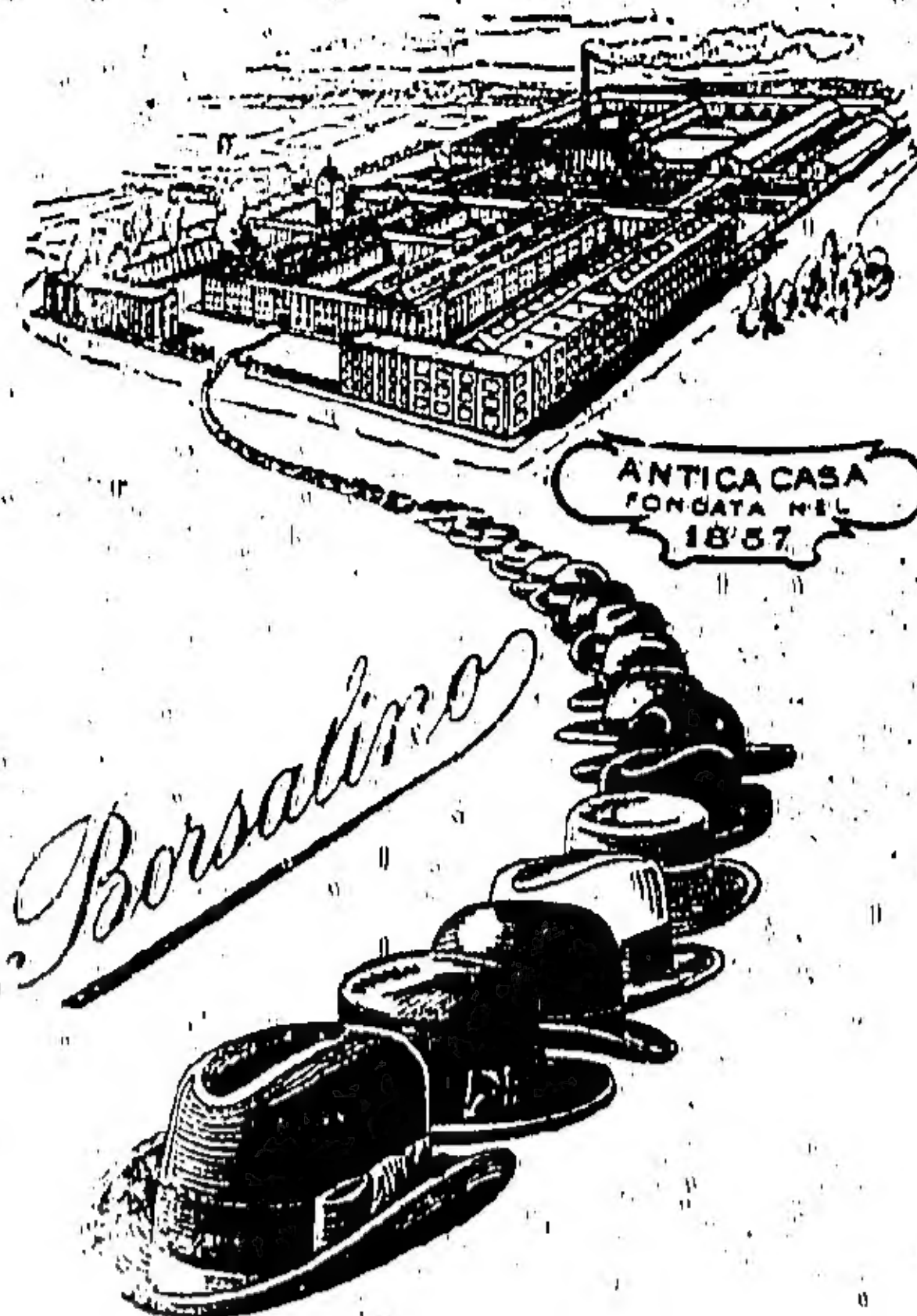
The Glasgow Presbytery has agreed to a pastoral letter stating: "It is not out of keeping with the true spirit of Sunday observance that opportunity for recreation should be taken advantage of so long as the nature and obligations of the day receive due recognition."

The L.C.C. Theatres Committee suggest that all licensed premises should have two independent systems of lighting.

Sir A. Chamberlain, speaking at a dinner of the Anglo-Batavian Society, said that at the Geneva meeting all he hoped to attain when he left London had been achieved.

By 18,985 votes to 2,882 the members of the National Union of Seamen have decided in a ballot not to continue their present association or affiliation with political organisations.

With one leg amputated and the other rendered useless, Margaret Ann Findlay aged 65, an Aston widow, was awarded £3,000 damages and £149 special damages at Birmingham Assizes for injuries caused by a Post Office motor-van running her down.



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The Prince of Wales danced with these three girls at a British Legion dance in London. They are Mrs. James McEnroy, Miss Ada Peole, and Miss Ida Huckle. Miss Huckle, a cashier, said the prince, "Charismatic wonderfully."

During the year ending October, 1926, confirmations in the Church of England numbered 219,091, compared with 226,766 in 1925, and 232,427 in 1924.

Seven stacks of 1926 corn, and seeds and hay, an engine, and set of threshing machinery were destroyed in a fire at Mr. Leslie Grew's farm at Easton Lodge, near Stamford, Lincolnshire.

Over 8,000 fish have been netted from two small ponds in Gunnersbury Park, and have been transferred to a larger pond. The fish, consisting mainly of golden carp, tench, and roach, averaged about 6in. in length.

It is expected that Brighton's electricity undertaking will show \$20,000 loss this year, as compared with \$25,000 profit last year, and the engineer, blaming the high price of coal, suggests a 25 per cent. increase in the price of electricity.

At a meeting held in Melbourne sanction was obtained to increase the capital of the Commercial Bank of Australia to \$5,000,000 by the creation of 2,000,000 additional Ordinary shares of 10s. each.

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Lord Southborough's Committee on the Licensing Laws, which has been sitting for a year and a-half, has now finished taking evidence and will proceed to consider a report.

Sixteen hundred Bristol miners who have been holding out against terms offered them by East Bristol Collieries, Ltd., decided to resume work forthwith on the owners' conditions.

Mr. W. M. R. Pridge has resigned from the position of prospective Liberal candidate for the Luton division owing to the attitude he felt bound to adopt in regard to Mr. Lloyd George.

Aided by their full-dress uniforms—which in many cases they are to be permitted to wear—British soldiers going on leave will try to secure 10,000 recruits, work for which they will gain rewards ranging from 2s. 6d. to 7s.

Golfing Around the World



1. Members of the Round-the-World Golf Club about the Victoria of Scotland on the globe-traveling cruise. 2. A golf course in India. 3. Commander Jack Leita of the Empress of Scotland, an enthusiastic member of the Round-the-World Club.

Some people are unable to understand the fascination of that Royal and Ancient that they refer to as "chasing a little ball round and round a field," but it must be admitted that there must be a good deal to it when players actually start chasing the little ball all around the world. And that is what twenty members of the Canadian Pacific Round-the-World Cruise are going to do this winter. Of course they don't say that the only reason why they are going around the world is in order that they may play on 25 different golf courses in as many different parts; but if the truth were known the Sphinx and the

Taj Mahal hold not the lure for them that do the golf courses of China and India and Egypt.

Commander Jack Leita of the Canadian Pacific Cruise ship Empress of Scotland, now on his way round the world, is one of the most enthusiastic of the Round-the-World Golf Club, and it is he who has set off from the deck of the ship and sailed the farthest into the ocean with the flag, ball, and tournament.

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Manila	22.	Pres. Madison
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	SUNDAY, JANUARY 23.	
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	MONDAY, JANUARY 24.	
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Swatow		Yatsing	5 p.m.
Straits		Dolius	5 p.m.
Hohow		Poonang	5 p.m.
	SUNDAY, JANUARY 23.		
*Swatow and Bangkok		Kinkyuan	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa		Kaijo Maru	8.30 a.m.
Swatow		Yingchow	9 a.m.
Amoy		Anking	9 a.m.
	MONDAY, JANUARY 24.		
Hohow Pakhoi & Haiphong		Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Honolulu. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letter 10.30 a.m.			
	TUESDAY, JANUARY 25.		
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Shanghai		Tydares	10.30 a.m.
*Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 11 a.m. Letters noon		Kitano Maru	
Swatow, Amoy & Poochow		Takada	Noon
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HOME LIBERALS.

LYDD GEORGE AS AN OPTIMIST.

London, Jan. 21.
Following the National Liberal Federation's acceptance of Mr. Lloyd George's offer to provide substantial funds towards the Liberal cause at the next election, Mr. Lloyd George, addressing the 1920 Club of which he is the President, referred optimistically to the future of the Liberal Party. And expressed himself as satisfied that a Liberal majority would be attainable if in the next two years the Party worked to secure it.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S POLITICS.

THREAT OF DISSOLUTION AVERTED.

Tokyo, Jan. 21.
The Opposition has decided to withdraw its vote of no confidence, the entire political situation having undergone an unexpected change as the result of the Premier's efforts to reach an understanding. Consequently, it is believed the threat of the Diet of dissolution has been averted.—Reuter.

RECALLED.

NORWAY'S MINISTER TO AMERICA.

Washington, Jan. 20.
Mr. Bryn, for the past fifteen years Norwegian Minister in Washington, has been recalled. It is known that Mr. Bryn had been at loggerheads with his Government for a long time past, and it is understood that he does not share the views of his Government regarding the pressing of Norwegian shipping claims against America.—Reuter's American Service.

FLASK BREAKS.

MILLIONS OF DEADLY GERMS RELEASED.

Prof. Spahlinger's Ordeal.
London, Dec. 31.
Geneva.—The risks to which bacteriologists are subject, were strikingly shown by an accident in Prof. Spahlinger's Laboratory, when a glass flask containing huge quantities of virulent tuberculosis cultures exploded, scattering millions of deadly germs over Spahlinger and throughout the whole laboratory.
Spahlinger, in order that his assistants might not contract diseases, allowed none to enter the room, in which he remained for several hours, changing his clothes, and disinfecting himself, and cleansing the laboratory.
This is the second time that such a mishap has occurred to Spahlinger.

LONDON CHANGES.

CINEMA TO REPLACE THE EMPIRE.

MUSIC-HALL DOOMED.

London, Dec. 31.
The famous Empire Theatre in Leicester Square will be closed from January 22 for demolition and a cinema seating 3,500 persons will be erected on the site.
The final night will be very interesting not merely for the presence of well-known theatrical personages to say "good-bye," but because at the close all the equipment, scenery, and dresses will be auctioned.
The Empire Theatre is one of the last of the famous music halls to succumb to changing modern taste.

PRINCE AND FASHIONS.

London, Dec. 11.
The Prince of Wales displayed keen interest in a number of beautiful women's fur coats shown at the Empire Products Exhibition.
A special mannequin parade was held for him and he engaged one of the most charming mannequins present in conversation.
After a few inquiries about the prevailing fashions he thanked her for her display of dresses.

SOVIET WRITER "FIRED."

Moscow, Jan. 4.
Dziga Vertov, prominent Russian film writer has been dismissed from the Government service on the charge of extravagance and negligence in connection with production of a film showing "American extravagance."

THE F.M.S. FLOODS.

ESTATES CUT OFF FOR THREE DAYS.

RELIEF WORK FOR EAST COAST.

Ipok, Jan. 11.

News from Pahang received here shows that the Selborne Estate and the Gutin Pertha plantation belonging to one of the big cable companies at Ipoh, in which the Earl of Selborne is interested, were badly damaged and flooded for three days.

The European staff and other workers were rescued from roofs, where they had been without food for three days.

Benta Estate, Pahang, is also still reported to be cut off.

During the week end three coolies were drowned.

Perak is now quite free from interruptions, except that Enggor Road bridge is cut off nightly.

The floods at Ipoh are expected to cease to-day, when bright sunshine prevailed for the first time for twenty days.

Perak Death Roll.

Ipok, Jan. 12.

In spite of wild rumours of large loss of life in the Perak floods, the Chief Police Officer now says most careful investigations reveal that deaths did not exceed two dozen, including fifteen drowned in a capsize boat on the Perak river when being towed to Teluk Anson.

The Perak Flood Relief Fund is approaching \$50,000.

The question of relieving other east coast states is now cropping up. It is understood that the Chief Secretary is presiding at a public meeting at Kuala Lumpur on Monday to establish a Malayan Relief Fund.

POWER BOARD.

SIR A. DUNCAN AS CHAIRMAN.

Rugby, Jan. 21.

Sir Andrew Duncan, who was Coal Controller seven years ago, and who acted as Chairman of the Inquiry into the Nova Scotia Coal Industry, has been appointed Chairman of the Central Electricity Board established under the new Electricity Supply Act.

He was formerly Secretary of Shipbuilding Employers' Federation.

Contracts totalling \$20,000,000 and including railway electrification schemes for India and Brazil, and the erection of a water power station for New Zealand, were secured last month by British electrical engineering firms.—British Wireless Service.

The Egyptian Government proposes to establish capacious aerodromes for the growing traffic. In addition to the large casha traffic, the great England-Sudan-Kenya-Capetown and the England-Mesopotamia-India airlines intersect Egypt.

Re At Kwai and Company, otherwise known as Yick Cheong Hong, of 18-19, Connaught Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong.

A first dividend of \$25.00 per cent has been declared in the above matter.

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Rugby, Jan. 21.
Vital statistics for England and Wales last year show a fall in both death and birth rates. The death rate was 11.6 per 1,000 and is equal to the lowest on record. The birth rate was 17.8 per 1,000.—British Wireless Service.

ARBITRATION.

BETWEEN AMERICA AND MEXICO.

Mexico City, Jan. 21.
The Foreign Office has issued a written statement agreeing to the principle of American-Mexican differences being submitted to arbitration.—Reuter's American Service.

BIG MONEY BILL PASSES.

Washington, Jan. 14.
Carrying \$612,500,000 for the operation of the various government agencies, the independent offices' appropriation bill passed both Houses of Congress to-day.

NOTICES.

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THE SOCIAL & DANCE will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, INSTEAD of on Saturday, the 22nd.

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